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Storms reveal shipwrek sites off Portland's coast

by Harry Walton

FEROCIOUS storms have uncovered a treasure trove of maritime history off Portland's Chesil Beach.

Two wreck sites which previously gave hints of armed sailing vessels have been dramatically exposed while a third brand new wreck site has appeared.

The discoveries have been made by Grahame Knott's team from the island-based Shipwreck Project.

Mr Knott said: "Before the storms there were areas 400-500 metres off Chesil Beach which displayed sand and clay, but after the storms it is unrecognisable, a whole new seabed.

"Wave action has exposed much more of the two wrecks we had hints were there while it has also exposed a third wreck we knew nothing about.

"The type of things we are seeing range from cannon and anchors to large baulks of timber.

"What we believe has now been revealed at the first two sites is the wreckage of armed sailing vessels from the early 1700s-early 1800s period.

"The third wreck we have no idea about, but we are quite excited because it is clearly an extensive site with clusters of cannon in it."

In the past Mr Knott has discovered everything on local sites from silver coin treasure to a chamber pot!

He said: "I run a dive charter business, so for me the treasure on these sites is being able to accurately identify what the wrecks were and, if possible, narrow it down to a specific vessel. The treasure is in the story.

"Every shipwreck is a disaster and when you dive down to it you are coming face to face with that moment in time.

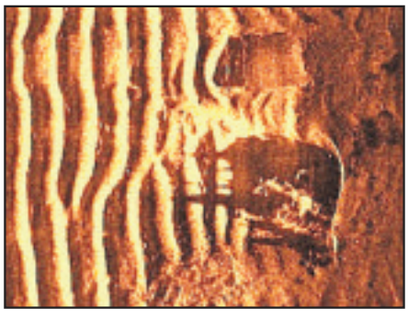
"It is a time capsule. You can learn so much from what is lying on the seabed from who sailed the ship, who built it and what has happened to it since it sank."

He added that the storms might also have done harm and there were fears that the exceptional sea conditions might actually have damaged much larger First and Second World War wrecks.

Mr Knott said: "We often get contacted by relatives of those who were on board, so for these war graves to be damaged would be a great shame."

He added that over the next few months he and colleagues would be diving on all the wrecks exposed by the storms.

He said: "We are expecting a few surprises – good and bad – because we know of other wreck sites which have either been covered or totally destroyed by the storms. The sea giveth and the sea taketh away."



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GAVIN Dixon is an experienced finance broker who recently moved back to Bridport, where he went to school, to take up the position of managing director in his own business, Gavin Dixon Finance Solutions. He lives in Bridport with his long-term partner.

● YOU came from a traditional farming family - how did you make the switch to finance?

My dad was a dairy farmer and has owned a couple of his own farms. He also was the estate manager at Ashley Chase Estate in the Bride Valley, which was why we moved to Bridport. I was unsure what I wanted to do in life but was sure I did not want to milk cows 24/7 so I thought that going to university would give me more options in life.

I was applying for jobs in my final year when I saw a job advertised working for BNP Paribas Lease Group in their farm division. It seemed to make perfect sense to me as I knew farming and I knew finance, so putting the two together was a logical step. I have been working in business to business finance ever since.

● CAN you give us a brief summary of what service your business provides?

Gavin Dixon Finance Solutions Ltd. is an independent finance broker business which assists local business in finding finance from funders who are not on the high street for the purchase of assets. In simple terms, if a farmer was looking to buy a new or used tractor we can help that farmer get finance for that tractor to make it more affordable, and it also helps companies protect their cash flow. I can help all companies find finance, whether they are farmers, builders, haulers and so on, as long as there is an asset, we can find the finance.

● YOU moved back to Bridport after working for companies in London - what was the reason behind the move?

The reason for the move was that I changed my role at Hitachi Capital Business Finance and became a national broker manager. Part of the deal of taking the job was that I had to relocate but the company did not mind where I moved to. As I have always classed Bridport as my hometown and have a lot of friends down here, I chose to move back. After three years of driving the length and breadth of the UK and spending four nights away a week, I decided to set up my own business.

● IN what ways is your job different in Dorset compared to the capital?

The basics of the job are the same - I am helping customers find the most competitive finance to suit their business. However, my previous role was to assist the brokers to ensure they gave me the business rather than giving the business to any of our competitors. Now I am dealing with local dealerships and the customers who are buying the equipment and my old customers, the brokers, are now my competition.

● IS business in Bridport strong? Was it a motivating factor to try and help business in your hometown?

There is a lot of business in Bridport and some local businesses have been very supportive. However, like in any job I have struggled with some of the larger companies in the area which seem unwilling to give me the time of day. When starting my business my main aim was to give something back to the community that had welcomed me when I was 11 and now class me as a local lad who has a funny accent! Helping other local business is definitely my main goal and in time as the business grows then recruiting local people into my business will also be very important.

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● WHAT do you like about working in the industry?

Working in finance is a very interesting role as you get to meet lots of different people and lots of different businesses - some businesses you have never heard about so you get to learn lots of new things. It is also very rewarding to know you have helped a business buy a new machine which will then in turn assist them in growing their own business. Indirectly my business can help lots of people and businesses grow and meet their full potential.

● HOW challenging was it to set up your own business? Do you prefer working for yourself?

Starting my own business was challenging as I have never done it before but the process is fairly simple, as long as you get the right advice from a good accountant and also from friends or acquaintances who have set up their own businesses. The scariest element of setting up your own business is not knowing when your next pay cheque is coming in - after being employed for 13 years and being paid on the same day of every month to suddenly not knowing if you are going to be able to make a mortgage payment is very unnerving.

If you stay focussed, work hard and never give up you will always be able to make things work and 11 months later I am still here and loving every minute of running my own business. I can honestly say I do not think I could ever work for anyone ever again - being your own boss and reaping the benefits of your own hard work is so rewarding. My only regret in life is that I did not do this sooner.

● DO you have any ambitions for the future?

My long term goal is to be able to buy a farm or small holding and set up a charity so that disadvantaged and/or disabled children can come and enjoy a farm experience, my partner looks after disadvantaged children and my sister fosters children, and with my Dad's farming experience I believe we can run a successful charity and help lots of children.

● ARE you settled in the area now, or do you think you will move again in the future?

I cannot see myself leaving the area but you can never say never as you do not know what life can throw at you. I came back to Bridport beacuse I love being in the beautiful countryside and so close to an amazing coast. In my 34 years I have lived in a lot of places - cities, towns and villages - and not one of them comes close to Bridport for me.

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Construction starts on retirement development

MCCARTHY and Stone, the UK's leading developer of retirement apartments, has started construction work on its new retirement development in Weymouth.

Located on North Quay, the development will comprise a mix of 43 one and two bedroom apartments exclusively for people over the age of 60.

Those interested are being invited to register their interest now and first occupations will be taking place in summer 2015.

The development is in a prominent position overlooking the marina and is adjacent to a large supermarket. The main shopping area and local amenities are situated on Weymouth High Street, just 400 metres away from the development.

Jacqui Meenan, sales and marketing director for McCarthy and Stone, said: "Everything we do is built around a belief that later life can be rich, rewarding and fulfilling, and starting construction of our retirement living development marks an exciting milestone in helping the over 60s in Weymouth make the most of later life. When complete, the apartments will be low maintenance in design and will benefit from modern fittings, good security and will have a number of specialist features."

With more than 35 years of experience, McCarthy and Stone has become Britain's leading provider of retirement apartments, having built more than 45,000 apartments in 1,000 different schemes.

McCarthy and Stone's retirement living developments offer the independence of retaining home ownership while living in an apartment specifically designed for later life.

Facilities will include a shared lounge, guest suite, laundry room and a lift. A dedicated house manager will ensure the smooth running of the development and a security entrance system plus 24-hour emergency call points provide peace of mind for both homeowners and their families. All properties will be low maintenance and energy efficient.

In addition to offering age exclusive apartments, the retirement developer also provides a range of financial services, including a pension annuity service, equity release, legal services and guaranteed funeral plans.

Anyone wanting to find out more about retirement living in Weymouth, is invited to contact McCarthy and Stone now on 0800 201 4742.

Become a councillor

Local people will go to the polls on May 22nd to elect a third of Weymouth and Portland borough councillors.

The borough council has produced a leaflet explaining who can stand for election, the nomination process and what councillors do. It also has practical information on the time commitment, allowances and the support provided for councillors.

Councillors play a key role in the borough and are the voice of the community, representing local people. They help shape future services for the benefit of local people by collectively carrying out policy making and contributing to the formation and scrutiny of Weymouth and Portland Borough Council's policies, budget, and strategies.

By representing the views of local people as a community advocate, councillors ensure that local community interests are taken into account. The leaflet produced by the borough council explains the services the council provides, the role of councillors and the election process.

For a copy of the leaflet please contact the borough council's Democratic Services Team on 01305 252349 or email councillor.services@west-dorset-weymouth.gov.uk.

The Democratic Services Team will also be able to offer advice, suggest committee meetings that interested individuals may wish to attend and arrange meetings with serving councillors.

The deadline for the submission of nomination papers is 4pm on Thursday, April 24th.

Further information can also be found by visiting www.dorsetforyou.com/become-a-councillor/Weymouth-and-Portland.

Ideas put forward at first JAWS meeting

A RAFT of ideas was put forward when the first meeting was held of the newly-formed Jersey and Weymouth Society.

The event held at the St John Ambulance hall on Westwey Road was led by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Ray Banham who told those who attended how JAWS came into being.

He said more than 24,000 people were evacuated from Jersey ahead of invading German forces during the Second World War and there was still a large association on the island representing those evacuees.

Mr Banham said he attended the unveiling of a plaque in Weymouth to remember the evacuees when he was deputy mayor and it was then that he first suggested the idea of the society.

Since then he had spoken to the Jersey Parliament, received support from Condor Ferries and seen Weymouth and Portland council officers twice go over to Jersey to talk to its tourism chiefs and chamber of commerce.

He added: "Jersey is only two or three hours away from Weymouth. It is an ideal pairing and from this, our first meeting, I hope it will be a case of great oaks from little acorns grow."

Mr Banham, who is due to go to Jersey on May 9th for the island's Liberation Day celebrations, said people had talked to him about JAWS and come up with a host of ideas to promote the link with Jersey.

Among suggestions were twinning schools, sport matches involving youth football, rugby and hockey with tournaments alternating between Jersey and Weymouth, choir tours, brass bands and school talks.

He added: "It is word of mouth. If we talk about it with people, with schools and other groups to see if they are interested, both here and in Jersey, then it will go from there. Perhaps we could attract one or two teachers to join the society."

MAYOR Ray Banham and some of those who attended the Society's first meeting

by Harry Walton

General debate followed which included suggestions for links between special schools in Weymouth and Jersey as well as theatre group links with everything from performances right down to scenery making for its artwork.

Among those at the meeting was Councillor Colin Huckle who said: "I have a few contacts over there on Jersey and I will talk to them about links."

The next meeting of JAWS will be on Friday, April 25th, again at 7.30pm in the St John hall on Westwey Road when the agenda will include more discussion of links with Jersey and the election of society officers.

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MP criticises fishermen compensation confusion

RICHARD Drax, Member of Parliament for South Dorset, has criticised confusion over compensation to fishermen hit by the winter storms.

The MP has spent the past month trying to pin down the facts, after he was contacted by a number of fishermen in his constituency who were unable to put to sea for almost two months during the winter storms.

"These fishermen are suffering," said Mr Drax, "Their incomes have totally collapsed and they have gone through savings and overdrafts. As small businessmen, they have nowhere to turn for help. In addition, many have lost their kit and some have even seen their boats destroyed.

"I have spoken to ministers from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, DEFRA and the Cabinet Office. Today I attempted to ask a question at Prime Minister's Questions. The problem is that the compensation schemes announced so far are very prescriptive. For example, although the Deputy PM specifically mentioned compensation for loss of earnings for fishermen in his speech on February 21st, that does not appear to be correct. The hardship fund he mentioned, the Business Support Scheme, is funded by BIS but managed by DEFRA. I spoke to DEFRA Minister George Eustice today and he confirmed categorically that loss of earnings for fishermen is not covered."

He continued: "Despite this, in the past month, we have had a ridiculous situation where claimants hoping for help have been passed from pillar to post, only to be told finally that this fund will pay out only for flooded premises.

"The rules governing the other fund – the European Fisheries Fund (EFF), which is managed by the Maritime Management Organisation (MMO) – are even more arcane. Fishermen may apply for replacement of lost or damaged kit, so long as they registered their fishing boat more than five years ago. If your boat is newer than that, even if you have been fishing for 50 years, you are out of luck. The rules are completely inflexible and in my view, incomprehensible.

"If you are fortunate enough to have registered your boat more than five years ago, you can apply to the MMO/EFF for 60 per cent of the value of the equipment lost. It can take 10 weeks for approval. Yet if you get a loan and buy the equipment yourself in order to get back to work, EFF will not pay for it. You just have to wait, thereby losing even more income.

"It is a Catch-22 situation. No matter where they turn, these fishermen can't win. One constituent wrote to me asking, 'Is this the way the whole country is run?' It's not, but I don't blame them for asking.

"What matters is that with every day that passes, the fishermen are in more difficulties. And I believe we are letting them down.

"I will continue to look into this but I have been told by the Minister that I am up against EU bureaucracy and the chance of these rules being changed is small.

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Bus changes come into effect

CHANGES to the subsidised bus network will come into effect on Sunday, April 6th.

The amendments are being made following Dorset County Council's cabinet meeting in December.

Across Dorset 39 routes will be changed, with 39 left unaffected. Ten routes have been completely withdrawn and 12 Saturday services have been removed.

The changes mean that the council achieves a saving of £822,000 from its £2.8 million bus subsidy expenditure. The saving is needed because councils no longer receive Government funding to support non-commercial bus routes.

Initial proposals were drawn up about the routes most likely to be affected following a survey of passenger numbers, which highlighted that many routes were under used and not providing value for money for the Dorset council taxpayer.

Public consultation took place in the autumn, and the many responses have helped shape the final decisions

Councillor Hilary Cox, the council's Cabinet member for environment, said: "We have taken note of the 1,200 responses and listened to all the comments and petitions from local residents. For example, we have worked with several communities to ensure that they will continue to have a Saturday service, even though this meant – in some cases – we have had to reduce services during the week.

"This review is not something we have undertaken lightly, and we fully understand that some bus services offer a lifeline to residents without transport of their own. Unlike many councils, we are still putting a substantial amount of money – £2 million – into supporting local bus services.

"And as part of this package we are also investing an additional £25,000 to help community transport schemes start up. There are already 60 voluntary car schemes, dial-a-rides and other community transport initiatives in existence across the county, helping overcome rural isolation."

For information about bus services and routes visit www.dorsetforyou.com/bustimetables/updates.

Closing date extended for police specials campaign

DORSET Police have extended the closing date for its Special Constabulary recruitment campaign.

Applicants now have until next Monday, April 8th to sign up.

The force says it is keen to build a team of "rural" specials, who will work exclusively in more remote communities based around Dorchester, Blandford, Gillingham, Sherborne and East Dorset.

Debi Potter, Chief Officer of the Special Constabulary, said: "Special constables are a vital part of Dorset Police, working alongside full-time officers and police staff, including PCSOs, to make a difference in our communities.

"We are looking to appoint specials in different areas right across Dorset and are particularly keen to hear from anyone who wants to work in rural areas of the county.

"We hope to encourage people living in quieter, countryside locations to sign up so they can be directly involved in policing their community.

"A few hours of your time each week could make a real difference in your community and will give you the opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people and gain excellent experience in a fulfilling and varied role."

A special constable is asked to work a minimum of 16 hours per month and, where possible, this is broken down to a minimum of four hours per week. The working hours are flexible so that you can give more time if you can spare it.

To find out more about becoming a special constable, including frequently asked questions and details of the recruitment process visit the Dorset Police website www.dorset.police.uk.

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Burglars strike homes

BURGLARS stole a large number of items when they raided a property in Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

Police say the incident in Douglas Road happened some time between 6am and 10pm on Monday, March 24th.

The offenders stole various electrical items including an Xbox, televisions and a kindle as well as jewellery, a quantity of cash and other personal items.

Detective Constable Steve Dodge, of Weymouth CID, said: "The items stolen are of great value to the victim. A particularly distinctive item taken was a Panasonic 50 inch 3D television with 3D glasses.

"I would urge anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area to come forward as soon as possible.

"I would also like to hear from anyone who has been offered such items or similar for sale in strange circumstances or for an unusually low price."

Anyone with information that can assist the investigation is asked to contact the police in confidence."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101, quoting incident number 25:248.

A quantity of jewellery and watches were also stolen when burglars struck at a property in Barrack Road, Weymouth.

Police say the burglary happened between 5.30pm-7.30pm on Saturday, March 22nd, when burglars forced their way into the front of the property.

PC Steve Newton, of Weymouth Police, said: "This incident was distressing for the victim.

"A ten shilling note in a picture frame and a silver Royal Navy 'Sweetheart' brooch were two distinct items taken."

Anyone with information that can assist the investigation is asked to contact the police in confidence by calling Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 22:412 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

Spirit festival returns

ORGANISERS have announced that the Spirit of Portland Festival will be run again this year from July 26th-August 3rd.

As many local businesses and organisations as possible are being encouraged to get involved by holding their own event or events to support those already happening.

The festival, which aims to promote Portland and all it has to offer, is already included on the Portland Map which is produced by Portland Community Partnership.

The next meeting to chat about plans and possible events for the Festival will be held on Thursday, April 10th at 11am at Osprey Leisure Centre, Castletown.

People are being urged to attend or let organisers know their plans so they can be added to the festival programme.

The best of Dorset on show

by Harry Walton

MORE than 2,000 visited a sell-out Weymouth Pavilion when it hosted the 14th Best of Dorset Show.

They browsed more than 40 stands which packed out the Ocean Room while outside attractions included the Tall Ship, Pelican, the Avon bus, cannons from the Nothe Fort and a variety of motorcycles, vintage and custom cars.

Organiser Steve Davies said: "Best of Dorset continues to go from strength to strength with the inclusion of many new features including big tourist attractions which don't exhibit every year.

"The weather was sunny and helped pull in big crowds and we welcomed more than 2,000 people."

The event was the first Best of Dorset Show hosted by Phil Say since he took over the running of the Pavilion in July 2013.

He said: "Big leisure players such as Bovington Tank Museum and Dorset Steam Fair came with stands and they told me they were here because of the huge popularity of the Pavilion since our community interest company took over the complex.

"The sheer amount of inquiries about future use of the Pavilion generated by the show has been amazing. There has been stacks of interest and we really are now at the heart of the local leisure, tourism and activity scene."

Among attractions on the day was the Avon beauty bus packed with cosmetics for visitors to try while sales leaders talked to people about joining a local recruitment drive for the Weymouth area.

Weymouth-based sales leader Jane Buckland, who manages nearly 100 representatives in Dorset said: "The show went really well for us. We had a lot of interest from people in becoming an Avon representative for this area and we showed them how to be an entrepreneur and that it was a great opportunity for someone to consider starting up their own little business."

There was also a strong programme of events in the Pavilion Theatre including Punch and Judy with Professor Mark Poulton, WOW youth musical theatre, Julie Storey's Let's Dance, Ed Hintze and Dorset For Singing and the Asda George Fashion Show.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Ray Banham was also there and he said: "It was a wonderful day which brought a lot of people out to see exactly what Weymouth, Portland and Dorset has to offer.

"There was so much to see and do and the Pavilion was packed. They did a grand job."

MAYOR Ray Banham (front right) and Weymouth and Portland events manager Charlie Sheppard (front left) join others at the opening of the Best of Dorset Show

Holy week services

ST Paul's Church, Weymouth, has the following Holy Week-Easter services.

On Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 13th there will be a Sung Eucharist at 10.30am with the procession starting from Beechcroft St Paul's School at 10am.

Maunday Thursday, Thursday, April 17th, will see the Mass of the Lord's Supper and washing of Feet celebrated from 7.30pm with a Watch until Midnight.

On Good Friday, Friday, April 18th, there will be a children's service at 10.30am and Liturgy of the Day at 2pm.

Finally on Easter Day, Sunday, April 20th, there will be an Easter Vigil at 7am and a Sung Eucharist 10.30am.

Easter eggstravaganza

WEYMOUTH's Chapelhay Community Playgarden is holding an Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday, April 6th from 11.30am-1pm.

There will be an Easter egg hunt, making Easter baskets, home-made treats and the gardens famous egg-throwing competition.

All our events are free but donations are very welcome.

People can just turn up on the day or, for further details, contact Clare Sutton on 771180 or clare.sutton@zen.co.uk.

Comedian Jim at Pavilion

NEWLY-crowned Celebrity Big Brother champion Jim Davidson will be appearing at Weymouth Pavilion on July 25th.

The town is one of five new stand-up dates announced for July and Jim Davidson Live! promises to be his most hilarious and outrageous show to date.

He said: "I've been entertaining audiences and making people laugh for nearly 40 years now, so after a bit of a mad year I'm delighted to say I'll be spending most of 2014 on stage, telling stories and cracking jokes.

Tickets and more information are available on 01305-783225.

Bridge opens to help families

by Harry Walton

A COMMUNITY group which aims to help families has just opened in Weymouth.

The Bridge, which meets every Thursday from 11.30am-1.30pm at the Prayerhouse opposite Asda, was created out of a need to give families a safe place where they could get help and advice.

Organiser Sarah Millner said: "We also supply everyone who visits us with a hot lunch over which they can build friendships and ask questions.

"If people come to us with a problem we can refer on everything from housing concerns to child health problems, family mediation and drug and alcohol services."

She added that The Bridge offers areas for children to play or take part in activities while adults sit down and chat over a cup of coffee.

Sarah said: "We are packed with information that our visitors can make use of to help make their lives a little easier.

"We can offer advice under the Home-Start initiative to those with children under five years who may be experiencing a variety of problems.

"We are a charitable group which was formed and which exists to help make family life a little easier."

So successful has The Bridge become in such a short time that it is already branching out to start a baby and children's clothing and equipment library.

Sarah said: "Items will be lent out free of charge on a long term basis.

"Not everyone can afford to buy things brand new, so these items will fulfill a need and can then be returned to us for loaning out to someone else."

Anyone who would like more information about The Bridge can contact Sarah on 07770-187620.

■ ENJOYING The Bridge

Plans underway for annual seafood festival

PLANS are advancing well for the 2014 Pommery Dorset Seafood Festival in Weymouth on July 12th-13th.

More than 50,000 seafood lovers are expected to come and enjoy the heady mix of seafood and champagne with 100 stands selling a wide variety of seafood and associated goods.

There will also be beer, wines, live cooking displays and fun and entertainment for families with face painting, trails and crabbing as well as a chance to find out more about lobsters with the National Lobster Hatchery.

The chef and expert line up includes Masterchef winner and chef patron of The Casterbridge, Mat Follas, The Dining Room's Taher Jibet who will head up the whelk revival, Nigel Bloxham from The Crab House Café and a host of other stars.

Visitors, particularly children, can get involved in the new Seafish "have-a-go" arena where they can try their hand at lobster and whelk picking. They can also meet local fishermen.

A sample of the mouth watering dishes available from stands includes sushi featuring smoked mackerel from Chesil Smokery in Bridport, whitebait, crab and sweetcorn spring rolls, West Bay scallops, crab stir fry, mackerel baps, sea bass fillets with salsa, hot potted crab, fish salads, Coley baps, lobster bisque, Portland crab crustini, fish dogs, BBQ oysters and mussels, deep fried hake and pollock and much more.

The Pommery Dorset Seafood Festival will be raising money for the Fishermen's Mission charity.

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Tales of an Anzac in Weymouth

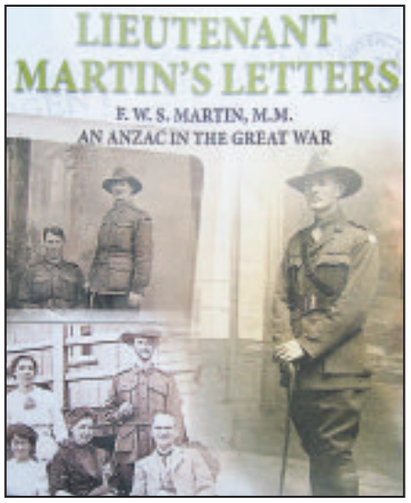
A WEYMOUTH woman has published a remarkable book exploring letters written by her Australian uncle during the First World War.

Lieutenant Fred Martin from Queensland, who won the Military Medal, was killed at Polygon Wood, Passchendaele, on the Western Front in September 1917. He has no known grave.

In 1974 Anne McCosker, herself and Australian, was given a bundle of letters and postcards tied with ribbon by her aunt but, despite several efforts, the pain in them stopped her from reading those letters for more than 30 years.

She and her husband, Richard Buckley, moved to Radipole Lane, Southill, in 2006 but it took the epic 2008 Wimbledon final between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer to create so much tension that Anne left the room, impulsively took out her uncle's letters and began to read them.

Richard also took them to a computer and began to scan them, rushing downstairs a few days later with one of Lieutenant Martin's letters in his hand bearing the address "WESTHAM, Weymouth."



■ LIEUTENANT Martin's Letters

By an incredible twist of fate and with no knowledge that her uncle had ever been to Weymouth, Anne had ended up living very close to where Lieutenant Martin spent January-August 1916 at Westham Camp in Weymouth, convalescing from typhoid fever caught at Gallipoli in 1915.

The book, which Anne wrote in a room where she could see the outline of a hill where Westham Camp was, contains two and a half chapters based on the letters Lieutenant Martin wrote while at Westham Camp. They include his battle to recover, frustration at the confines of camp life, joyful trips to London and delight at getting mail from family in Australia.

Many of her uncle's letters are missing, but Anne writes: "There are enough letters left to give an idea of the character of the boy who left enthusiastically for war, fought at Gallipoli, survived injury and illnesses, gained an MM on the Western Front, became an officer and then aged twenty-one, disappeared into the mud, gunfire and barbed wire of Polygon Wood.

"There is a great deal of local interest in the book. The Nothe Fort, Weymouth is building two new permanent exhibits for World War I. One on the Western Front, the other on the Anzacs at Weymouth, based on my book. My work is also to be included in an exhibition at Weymouth Library in August."

Lieutenant Martin's Letters by Anne McCosker is published by Reveille Press (£14.99) and is available locally from Books Afloat in Park Street, Weymouth, and from the Nothe Fort bookshop.

■ YOUNG people windsurfing with OTC

Child's windsurfing scheme launched

SCHOOLCHILDREN are to be offered a chance to try windsurfing off Weymouth and Portland for just £5.

Chesil Trust, which oversees the Rod Shipley Sail for a Fiver Scheme, said a further donation from Mrs Elma Shipley in memory of her husband Rod, who died in 2012, has helped provide the opportunity for the new Rod Shipley Windsurf for a Fiver scheme allowing year eight youngsters to try out the sport.

Windsurfing is extremely popular in the Weymouth and Portland area with Portland well established as one of the best spots in Europe, being accessible in any tide state with a safe sandbar along the length of the causeway and boasting the best wind statistics along the south coast.

Trust chairman Di Ludlow said: "The Rod Shipley Windsurf for a Fiver Scheme will help introduce hundreds of local children aged 12-14 to windsurfing, going someway to demonstrate just what a wonderful water-sports venue they have on their doorstep.

"The trust will work with the WPNSA windsurfing partner the Official Test Centre (OTC) to provide the tuition."

She added that Elma Shipley was inspired by the response to the Sail for a Fiver scheme and was pleased to be able use the Rod Shipley Memorial Fund to do something for slightly older children.

On receiving news of the scheme, the OTC's director Tris Best said: "It is fantastic that windsurfing has been included in the scheme, enabling local children to try dinghy sailing's colourful cousin and see if it is for them.

"Since opening in 2010 the OTC has worked tirelessly to make the sport more accessible to the local community and, with the support from the Rod Shipley Memorial Fund, this vision can become more nurtured and concentrated."

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Diamond celebration for Roy and Barbara

A COUPLE born in Weymouth within a mile of each other will celebrate their diamond wedding next week.

Roy and Barbara Gainey, of Freemantle Road eventually met while travelling to the first Labour Party youth conference after the Second World War.

They went up by train together from Weymouth to Filey holiday camp in Yorkshire where the conference was being held.

Barbara, 82, who was bombed out of two homes during the war said: "Roy was just a fellow and he didn't strike a particular chord with me, but we began to attend local Labour Party meetings together and I began to go out with him."

Three years later they got engaged and they were married on April 10th, 1954, in Gloucester Street congregational church which has since been demolished.

Roy, 86, was a Post Office engineer and Barbara was a teacher at Cromwell Road Infants School which has also since been demolished.

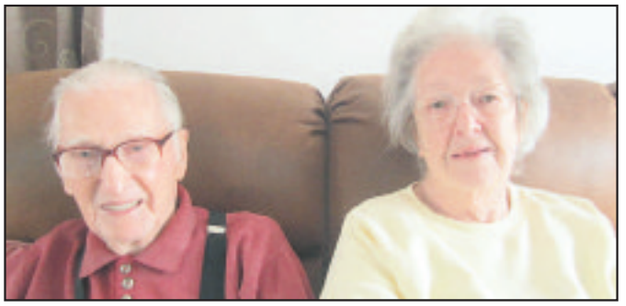
Roy had become a Weymouth and Melcombe Regis councillor in 1952 for the Park District and remained heavily involved with local politics as a borough and county councillor until he retired after 51 years in 2003 when he was made an Alderman of the Borough having twice been Mayor. He is also the only living Freeman of the Borough, having been awarded the honour in 2002.

Barbara continued to teach while they brought up two children, Martin and Elizabeth, spending more than 20 years as a teacher at Holy Trinity Infants School, mostly looking after reception classes.

Roy said: "We started to buy a house before we were married and we are still here now, still living in the same house!"

Barbara said: "In the early days it was hard work with young children because Roy was always working or at political meetings while I was working or looking after the children."

Roy still found time to be a member of the Somerset and Dorset Railway Society, his father having been a guard on the old now long-closed Weymouth-Abbotsbury line.



ROY and Barbara Gainey

Asked what the secret of success was to such a long married life, Roy said: "Tolerance, I suppose, to a certain extent although that is perhaps not the right word. We agree on most things."

Barbara said: "No we don't agree! But I don't know what the secret is for a successful married life."

The couple now plan to celebrate their diamond wedding quietly at home on the day although family celebrations are planned later.

Library friends visit Nordic country for latest fundraiser

FRIENDS of Weymouth Library (FOWL) have held another successful themed evening at the popular venue.

Sixty people sat down to a delicious and imaginative five-course typical Nordic meal, catered by Jack's Cafe.

Between courses Barbara Williams read short extracts from carefully chosen Nordic literature and there was also a quiz and raffle with a Nordic theme while background music came from a specially compiled cd of folk, blues, classics and the national anthems.

The drinks, displays and table decorations reflected the bright colours of the national flags and brought sparkle and admiration from the guests

FOWL helps publicise the library and its role locally. They hold meetings with guest speakers on a wide variety of topics, raise money for special projects, offer a community response to service development and provide voluntary support at book sales, surveys and other events.

Choral society present concert

WEYMOUTH Choral Society are to present a performance of Stainer's renowned work "The Crucifixion: a Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer".

The event will be held on Saturday, April 5th, from 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church.

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901) was organist of St Paul's Cathedral and a professor of music at Oxford, but he always aimed to provide compositions that would be accessible to the average amateur musician.

He conceived the idea of writing a work for Passion Week in 1887. Using as the librettist the Rev W J Sparrow-Simpson, who was the son of a colleague at St Paul's, Stainer sought to write music that would be within the reach of the average church choir.

The first performance at St Marylebone Parish Church in London was very well received and thus began the history of the work which has proved to be one of the most popular church choral pieces of its period.

The Crucifixion was intended as a meditation designed to form an integral part of an anglican service, using the standard available resources of choir and organ and, significantly, inviting the congregation to participate by singing with the choir in the five hymns that form part of the work. The libretto alternates biblical prose narrative with original verses, expressing a Christian's response to the events as they unfold. The work features two soloists – the tenor providing the narrative and the bass as the voice of Jesus.

To compliment the main work of the evening Weymouth Choral Society will also sing a selection of anthems and pieces by British composers.

Weymouth Choral Society will be joined by professional soloists Richard Monk and Gareth Long, organist Alex Davies and, providing an instrumental interlude, Alison Young on soprano saxophone.

The concert will be conducted by the society's musical director, Helen Brind.

Tickets cost £12, under-16s are free and they are available on the door or in advance from 01305 775644, Weymouth Pavilion Box Office on 01305 783225, Dorchester Tourist Information Centre on 01305 267992 and Harmony Music on 01305 260360.

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Uplifting fundraiser for cancer charity

By Harry Walton

CHARITY got a lift when 50 women unclipped together to use their bras for art in aid of Breast Cancer Care.

The event at the Captains Club Hotel in Christchurch, which raised £550, attracted women from all over Dorset including Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester.

The idea came from mixed-media artist Sharon White who gathered the women together and got them to recycle 50 lacy bras, taking the textured materials to glitter glue them to 50 butterfly templates forming textured images complete with sequins, silks and accessories to create an incredible and vibrant piece of art for Breast Cancer Care.

The mammoth landscape artwork, which will house the butterflies, is currently being painted by Sharon and will shortly begin its journey to cancer units, hospitals and centres across the UK before finally being housed at the Women's Health Unit at The Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

Sharon recognises the healing powers of art and her mixed-media brand "Mumbo Jumbo" was born whilst she was ill with pleurisy.

The 50 women certainly embraced the theme of the event and enjoyed working on the butterfly templates which represent the symbol of powerful transformation.

Sharon said: "The event surpassed my expectations. I can't wait to apply these beautiful butterflies to my Mumbo Jumbo painting, plus we raised £550 in the process."

This is the second piece of successful art that Sharon has produced for charity. Her debut painting raised £1,800 for children's hospice Julia's House and is currently housed in Barclays House of Poole.

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A COMPLETED butterfly

MAKING butterflies

The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...
by Geoff Treleaven

Insurmountable problems

MY wife and I have known for many years that God's will is always best. But when we recently had to deal with a complex situation requiring action, we just could not see a way forward.

As we prayed about this, we actually told God the problem was too big for us and asked Him to take over.

At that point, of course, we needed to wait and see what God would do, and not try to take the problem back ourselves.

In a comparatively short time, we were amazed at what happened. God intervened in remarkable ways we had not envisioned, with excellent results. "Praise the Lord" is another phrase that easily rolls off the tongue. But we really meant it as we remembered to say thank-you.

It is all a question of what we do when we feel unable to cope ourselves. The temptation is to struggle along for a while.

But surely it is better to ask the Lord as a first resort rather than the last. Speaking personally, I am often slow to learn the lessons God would teach me if I were more receptive to Him.

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Children's entries shine at golden flower show

BAD weather and the death of several members combined to reduce entries for the biannual Spring show of Radipole and Southill Horticultural Society in Weymouth.

Chairman Peter Flannery said entries were down by roughly a third.

He added: "It is unfortunate that we have lost several stalwarts but, on the plus side, children's entries were up and they are the future.

"Handicraft and photographic entries came on well for 2014, but the floral side of the show was again the star.

"Daffodils have done really well despite the weather and floral art was also very strong."

Mr Flannery said he hoped the rise in children's entries was an indication for the future and he thanked all the judges, stewards, committee and members who helped with the work involved to make such a successful 50th anniversary year show.

He added: "We need enthusiastic young blood to keep the society going particularly as some of the members are not as young as they were.

"If we can interest youth in exhibiting then the future of the society is assured.

"This year is our golden anniversary, the society having been formed in 1964. We hope we will still be going in 2064 for our centenary!"

Among guests were Weymouth and Portland mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Ray Banham and Pam Nixon, who praised the standard of the show. They then enjoyed tea and cakes before presenting the trophies.

RESULTS:

Southill Mystery Challenge Cup, the Spring Challenge Cup and the Bulb Cup: Philip Tyler.

The Carter Cup; Janice Males.

The Hatton Goblet: Sue Appleby.

The Marion St Quinton Vase and the Ladies' Annual Rose Bowl: Doreen Randall.

The Annual Flower Vase (Novice): Christopher Males.

The Carter Trophy and the Mrs Ashton Cup: Pat Dunning.

The valance Trophy: Rhona Hurd-Wood.

The Children's Trophies: Imogen Polkinghorne and Sammy Brown.

■ **PETER Flannery and assistant show secretary Heather Smith by the orchid entries**

Students to host double-header fundraiser at Pavilion

WEYMOUTH College students are organising a double event at the Pavilion for charity on June 20th.

From 3pm-5pm there will be Bingo and Buns and from 7pm-late there will be an evening of entertainment by local talent with all profits divided between the Teenage Cancer Trust and Weymouth Pavilion. The students have organised the events for their travel and tourism course.

Bingo and Buns is being overseen by Second Year students studying toward the Extended Diploma in Travel and Tourism. Entry will be free and there will be a wide range of homemade cakes to buy.

In addition to the cake sale, the Pavilion café will be open and there will be many prizes to be won with a tombola and bingo.

The Talent 4 Teenage Cancer evening of entertainment is being host by level three travel and tourism students.

It will feature performances showcasing Dorset's top young talent, including Beckii Power, Ed Hintze, Patchwork Native, Francis Anyanjo and many more to be announced closer to the time.

Tickets cost £2 beforehand and £4 on the door. They will be available to purchase from the Pavilion from May 12th.

The event will feature a bar and a raffle with plenty of good prizes to be won.

For more details, see the Weymouth College Facebook page and visit the Weymouth College and/or Weymouth Pavilion websites.

Few days remain to enter village shop competition

JUST days remain to enter a new category in this year's Dorset's Best Village competition – that of Best Village Shop.

That section of the countywide contest has been sponsored by the county branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, which is based at the Little Keep, off Bridport Road, Dorchester.

Communities across the county are being asked to nominate the business which serves them best.

The annual Best Village Competition is run by Dorset Community Action which asks for entries from parish councils and parish meetings, village hall committees and any other active community group.

Last year, 55 villages took part in the competition.

Magna Housing, another Dorchester-based organisation, has been the major sponsor for the competition since 2010 and has renewed its support this year.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on Monday, April 7th, apart from the Environmental Champions Award where entrants have to register an interest in taking part by April 7th, with a final entry date of August 22nd.

Entry details can be found at: http://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/dorsets_best_village.

County council children's services shortlisted for government award

CHILDREN'S Services at Dorset County Council has been recognised for actively involving children, young people and families in designing and delivering services they use.

The National Government Opportunities (GO) has selected the children's commissioning, procurement and participation teams as a finalist in the category "Excellence in Public Procurement Awards 2014/15".

Over the last year, young people have given their views on priorities, and on a wide range of services including leisure, education, health and social care through workshops and focus groups.

They have also been working with suppliers of goods and services to ensure they offer value for money and are designed in such a way that they encourage young people to make full use of them.

Rebecca Knox, Cabinet Member for children's services at the county council, said: "The views of children and young people are greatly valued and have a real impact in the planning of future services for them.

"It is also a great way for young people to develop new skills.

"Being nominated for this award is a fantastic recognition of the work done by the commissioning, procurement and participation team to involve children and young people in delivering services that affect their lives.

"Local government has lots to shout about, and these awards are part of that.

"With continual reductions in budgets it is important that we do things more effectively so that the vital services residents expect, and rely on, can be protected and improved."

Artist lends support to squirrel campaign

by Trevor Bevins

DORSET Wildlife Trust (DWT) has launched the new red squirrel membership campaign, complete with illustrations and words by Rachel Bright, creator of the multimillion-selling gift and card brand, "The Bright Side".

More than 140,000 homes in Dorset will be receiving the booklet, entitled "Dear Human" – complete with a picture of "super squirrel", who explains the plight of red squirrels in Dorset, and how DWT has helped to ensure their survival on Brownsea Island.

Rachel said: "I am just so delighted to be working with the amazing team at The Dorset Wildlife Trust. I feel so passionately about preserving the habitats of our beautiful county and so pleased that I can lend my artist's hand to help. I feel lucky everyday to live in such a diverse and stunning place and we all have a responsibility to be part of keeping it that way. I look forward to being a small part of the enormous amount of work this charity does for us all for years to come."

DWT Marketing and Fundraising Director, Alastair Cook said: "Rachel's stunning illustrations and engaging words are a unique opportunity for us to share the serious message that we need help to continue our conservation work in Dorset. Membership is the only reliable source of income we have. Without the valuable support of our members, we wouldn't be able to manage habitats for threatened species such as red squirrels on Brownsea Island, or the Dartford Warbler on Upton heath in Poole."

Brownsea Island, which is owned by the National Trust, is a haven for red squirrels and one of the very few places in southern England where they still survive. Dorset Wildlife Trust has leased and managed 256 acres of Brownsea Island as nature reserve for more than 50 years.

To find out how to be part of Dorset Wildlife Trust, and see Rachel's story and illustrations, visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/red-squirrel-mailing.

■ RACHEL Bright in her studio photo courtesy of Rachel Bright

■ RED Squirrel on Brownsea Island photo courtesy of Stewart Canham

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A personal View by HARRY WALTON

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A NEW facility could be opened in Weymouth and Portland to test the eyesight and intelligence of cyclists.

You would have had to have spent the last four years living in Outer Mongolia to have missed the never ending series of roadworks devoted to creating a new network of safe cycle routes across the borough.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds if not millions have been poured in to creating the network which is now so extensive it is possible to enjoy a ride from Portland to Dorchester without risking tyre marks down your spine.

So explain to me why many cyclists are spurning comfort and safety in favour of continuing to risk their lives by riding along busy and dangerous roads just a couple of bike lengths away from a perfectly good cycle path.

I've been held up in traffic queues behind cyclists riding in the road at half a dozen spots where there was a practically pristine cycle path right next to them.

This cycle path, I might add, had also been created specifically for their benefit against a backdrop of moans about how authorities always favour the motorist over the cyclist.

So, if you are a cyclist, practice what you've been preaching and use the facility you have been demanding. That's what it is there for.

Times are hard (and doesn't the mayor know it)

THE whole future of Weymouth and Portland's mayoral services goes into the melting pot again this autumn when councillors meet to start debating budget measures and cuts for 2015-2016.

There are fears that Weymouth would be devalued as an historic town and have its prestige tarnished were it to downgrade or even scrap the post of mayoral chauffeur, limit mayoral regalia and functions and use the cash for something else.

Fortunately those in office have been training just in case cuts are made and I went down to chat to them about possible new approaches to the mayoralty.

It was raining when I found the Mayor and his chauffeur taking off their bicycle clips having chained up the new mayoral tandem to a handy lamppost.

He was hosting a civic event at the Pavilion where mayors from all over Dorset were already pulling up in their chauffeur driven limousines ahead of being officially welcomed by our Mayor.

I asked him, didn't he feel a bit shabby and out of step with other mayors, having to attend his own civic event on a bicycle?

He replied: "It is a bit embarrassing, but you soon get over that.These waterproofs are really good and my chauffeur pedaled me here quite quickly."

Once inside the Mayor apologised for being late and took his guests for coffee at a vending machine where they only had to pay £1.90 for a cappuccino. All proceeds will go towards new saddles and a pannier for the tandem.

Then it was on to view artwork by local students who had skillfully recreated plaster versions of several pieces of civic silver. The originals were sold off recently to buy the tandem and a stainless steel handlebar clamp to grip a small mayoral flag.

All joking aside, most will hope that any changes to mayoral life don't drag this important civic office into farce, but times are hard and who knows what might be suggested next.

Whatever the future holds, any decision which devalues this historic position will reflect badly on the whole town.

If you pay peanuts, you get monkeys

WHAT a pickle Weymouth is in over its crumbling harbour walls.

Years of neglect suddenly came home to roost when the ferry berth wall cracked and required millions to repair.

Now it appears that other sections of harbour wall also need urgent attention, placing the council in something of a dilemma.

Do they go for an expensive quick fix, an expensive middle course which will last a few years or an expensive long term approach which will last perhaps half a century.

Yes, the council must cut its cloth to what it can afford, but there are such things as false economies and I've always been a supporter of the view that if you pay peanuts you get monkeys.

It may really hurt the authority to go for the 50-year repair option, but surely doing it properly allows the council to move on wheras any low cost choice will bring back the spectre of spending almost before the work has finished.

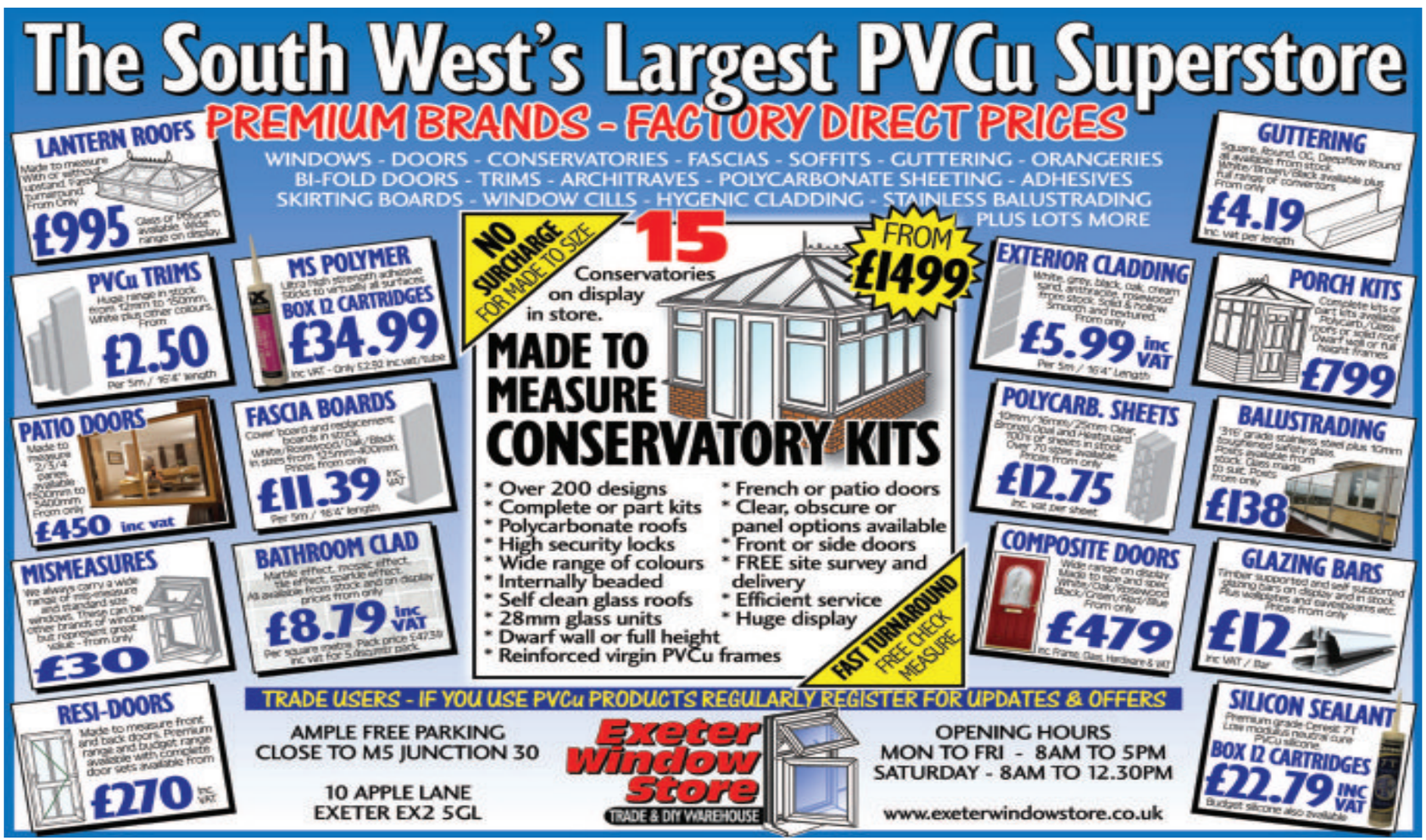
If a sensible approach is now being taken with significant amounts of harbour revenue kept to foot harbour upkeep bills then I feel the council must take its medicine, pay for the best repairs and claw the money back over a long period of time.

■ AS if motorists don't have enough hazards and delays to cope with they recently faced another… ..a goose walking down the road!

The goose, as geese normally are, was in no particular hurry and waddled happily along taking time to see what the world was doing in front of it.

Behind it death was approaching at a rate of knots when one car driver pulled round a parked vehicle only to have to slam his brakes on a bit sharpish when presented with a feathered obstacle.

The goose survived much to the delight of children in several other cars which pointed the brash bird out as their vehicles slowly overtook the bird blockage. Makes a change from dodging seagulls.



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Colourfence is manufactured in Gloucestershire with all surveys and installations handled by a network of locally owned franchises. But, until the Stewarts became involved with the brand, nobody covered the South West - something that surprised Andy when he first came across the company.

"I was amazed Colourfence wasn't promoted in this area already, as there is clearly so much demand," he says. "We would certainly buy it ourselves; we have a garden and have spent too many afternoons with a paintbrush in hand. We've also spoken to friends and family who've recently had to repair or replace storm-damaged panels.

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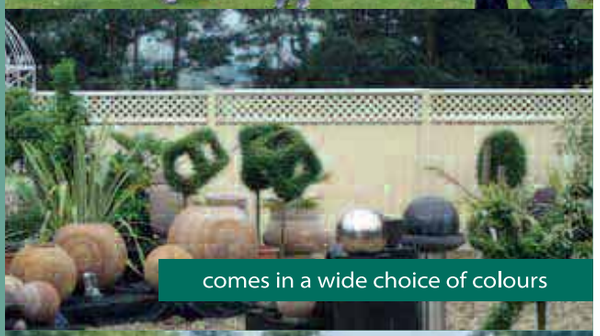

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Celebrating Dorset's mystic Ridgeway through felt art

VISITORS to a recent land felt exhibition at Upwey Village Hall, Weymouth, had a chance to try their hand at the ancient craft of felting.

Katherine Jones, one of many curious locals who attended the exhibition knowing nothing about felting, was fascinated: "I have never done anything like this," she said.

"I'm not at all arty but I have really enjoyed it."

And Julie Nash from Upwey, who also tried needle felting with tutor Clare Hughes, said: "It is very therapeutic. It's lovely to learn a new skill."

Land Felt, organised by Artsreach, Dorset's rural arts organisation, is part of the South Dorset Ridgeway project.

Running from Eggardon Hill to the villages of Osmington and Poxwell, the Ridgeway has been an important area for about 6,000 years. Experienced felt artists and tutors led workshops in villages along the Ridgeway and the results are on show in this exhibition, capturing the footprints of humans over the millennia, through to the most recent marks on the landscape – the "new road" from Dorchester to Weymouth.

Legend has it that if you stand beside the Bincombe Bumps, the neolithic barrows between Dorchester and Weymouth, at mid-day, you will hear music.

A large hanging titled "Bincombe Bumps Music Barrow" was created by members of Age UK Dorchester, who joined a Land Felt workshop led by feltmaker Clare Hughes.

Some of the small group had never tried felting before, but one member, Carla Taylor, was already a skilled needle felt artist, learned a new aspect of her craft.

Carla's contribution to the Bincombe hanging is a curious hare, popping his head out of the felt background.

The Land Felt project began with an introductory morning at which the tutors – Di Pattinson, Pauline Stanley, Penny Blogg, Mary-Clare Buckle, Clare Hughes and Annabel Wilson – and participants heard about the legends and stories of the Ridgeway and looked at photographs and maps of the area.

Subjects of feltwork range from a scary mask of Dorset's mythical bull-man monster, the Oozer, to vessels, hangings, decorations and framed pictures, as well as a selection of Dorset Buttons.

As well as the exhibition – which was free – there were also have-a-go sessions at each of the venues.

Land Felt will be at Strangways Hall, Abbotsbury, on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th and Sunday, April 13th.

A wet felting have-a-go session will take place at Abbotsbury's Strangways Hall on Friday, April 11th from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

For more information on the South Ridgeway Project and on Artsreach activities and events, visit www.artsreach.co.uk.

HAVE a Go Upwey: from left, Katherine Jones, Julie Nash and tutor Clare Hughes

UPWEY group exhibits: from left group leader Di Pattinson and embroiderer and felt artist Celia Morris, with felt books open showing their pages

Egg donations wanted for hospice fundraiser

Julia's House is appealing for donations of Easter eggs for use at charity events over the school holidays.

The Dorset children's hospice runs chocolate tombolas and raffles throughout April and is hoping people will pop an extra egg in their shopping trolley to help raise funds for local life-limited children.

Easter eggs can be handed in at any Julia's House charity shops in Dorchester, Weymouth or Bridport.

Learning the art of restraint

PORTERS and security staff at Dorset County Hospital at their training session about minimising the need to use physical restraint on patients

PORTERS at Dorset County Hospital have been trained to minimise the risk to patients and visitors who may need restraining.

Scot Sherrard, the trust's local security management specialist, said: "The dangers associated with physical restraint and especially prone restraint, are well documented. We have taken a very determined step to reduce the incidence of physical restraint of our patients to as far as is reasonably practicable, and avoid using face-down restraint at the trust. This is in line with our 'patient-centred approach' and supported by recent recommendations from mental health charity MIND."

In a report published in July 2013, MIND said there had been 13 restraint-related deaths of people detained under the Mental Health Act, eight of which occurred in a single year (2011).

MIND also expressed concern at the frequency of use of "face-down restraint", which is recognised as being life-threatening because of the impact it has on the subject's ability to breathe freely, yet was used more than 3,000 times in the previous year (2012).

Physical restraint expert, Jim O'Dwyer from training provider AEGIS said: "Ideally, patient care should always be managed in such a way as to completely avoid any need for physical restraint and every instance where restraint proves necessary should be regarded as a failure to have intervened earlier.

"However, in certain circumstances, for example where a patient's behaviour presents an imminent risk of harm to themselves or others, the only option available to staff will be to physically restrain them. In such situations, it is crucial that the process is carried out professionally, safely and in a manner which minimises any discomfort and loss of dignity to the patient."

Paul Andrews, Housekeeping and Portering Manager at Dorset County Hospital, who undertook the training, himself, said: "Our portering and security team are usually the first responders to calls for assistance from nursing staff and it is vital they have the necessary skills and training. We chose AEGIS because their training programme is endorsed by the National Association for Healthcare Security and we are very pleased with the results. The training will definitely help to minimise the risks. The emphasis was on keeping calm, utilising conflict management techniques and the use of space to talk patients down and defuse situations. The practical skills were amazingly simple and very effective."

View Letters

Do we need district and borough councils?

ALL Fools' Day 1974 saw the creation of separate borough and district Councils throughout Dorset.

Forty years on, some of these occasionally hilarious bodies are now considering working in partnership.

Such an arrangement would, we're told, produce economies of scale and provide services more efficiently. West Dorset District Council (WDDC) and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (WPBC) shared services have, we're told, already saved £3million.

So, shouldn't council taxpayers be laughing happily at the prospect of better value for their money? Consider this:

The top priority for any bureaucracy is to ensure its own survival. Be sure that this mooted collaborative tinkering will primarily benefit the councils themselves, not us. Even trivial savings will help to distract from the real problem.

£3million, though welcome, is a mere chuckle compared with what might have been. Accountancy firm Deloitte estimated in 2007 that Dorset as a unitary authority could save £20million, every year, in back office savings alone. But then, while several other counties bid successfully for unitary status, Dorset didn't even try. And now they talk about saving us money.

And set that £3million against the simultaneous service cuts and of course the millions still being lavished on WDDC's grandiose flagship project in central Dorchester.

The formation of the Dorset Waste Partnership and the sharing - albeit piecemeal - of services by WDDC and WPBC are in effect a tacit admission that these separate bodies are unnecessary, unfit for purpose and poor value for money. Their continued existence is increasingly difficult to justify.

Eighty five per cent of my council tax bill is split between the county (68 per cent), town (10 per cent) and district (seven per cent) councils, each with its own administration, premises, staff and councillors, and its own portfolio of services. But does any taxpayer truly care who does what, as long as it gets done?

Which of these three levels of government could we easily live without? Come on, district and borough councils! Reallocate your little portfolio between county and town and disappear quietly, saving us some serious money and giving us all something to really smile about. And the sooner the better.

Until then, we taxpayers are being treated as fools.

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Within the next two weeks there will be a shipment of kilim cushion covers in wonderful summer colours as well as new kilims, Turkish hand and bathtowels, and handmade leather slippers from Gaziantep.

A selection of linen blockprinted cushion covers are now in the shop, as well as blockprinted cotton cushion covers.

The lovely cotton filled quilts are perfect for the warmer nights, as is cotton nightwear and there is a wide selection of both of these.

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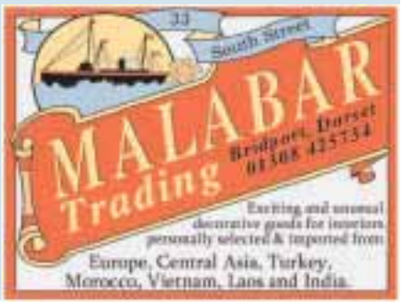
▲ Detail of a hand embroidered suzani.



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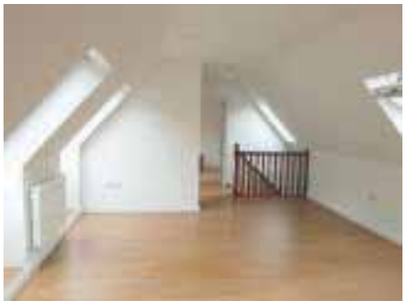

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THE Oak Loft have now been trading in Bridport for nearly a year and have reported an amazingly successful first 12 months, bringing the area their brand of high quality furniture at affordable prices. They have been very busy selling their oak furniture all over Dorset from their new showroom in Rax Lane, taking over the old Council Offices and turning them into a stunning oak furniture showroom, combined with a dazzling array of lighting, artwork and accessories.

The Oak Loft put their success down to keeping most items in stock and offer a free immediate delivery with their own friendly and helpful delivery staff.

The delivery service compliments the knowledgeable showroom staff, Paul and Martin who are always only too please to help.

Prices are kept down due to the policy of buying in bulk and storing it in their large warehouse.

Sue Oxenbury, Director . says" We have been overwhelmed with the support the area has given us, its so great to have been able to use this old Georgian house and put it back to looking more like the lovely home it once must have been, its my favourite of our 3 showrooms""All of the room are ideally suited to displaying furniture room settings."

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The use of colour in your home...

COLOUR is perhaps the most personal and dramatic statement you can make in your home.

When it comes to decorating, poring over paint charts is undoubtedly one of the most exciting things, and the moment when you first take the lid off that tin of paint is even better. Colour can create moods, and even, many people believe, improve your mental well-being.

Choice

It doesn't seem that long ago that the choice for colour was either magnolia or 'tint with a hint'. Nowadays there are endless possibilities and, as with clothes, the major companies bring out new colours each season. One minute acid green is all the rage, the next it's the 'new neutrals'. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the choice. Even sticking to tried and tested white can have its pitfalls.

Pitfalls

You may know exactly which colours you want to use but you can still hit a stumbling block. Why does the colour that looked so great in the tin look insipid and lifeless on the walls? What's more, you've spent hours trying to get everything to match exactly, but your room has just ended up looking bland.

Colour schemes

Planning and carrying out your own colour schemes is easy once you understand the principles of colour. Interior designers often seem to have a built-in instinct for what goes with what, and it's true, relying on your instincts and playing around is one of the best ways of learning. But although paint is relatively cheap, doing out a whole room with soft furnishings and accessories only to realise it doesn't work, can be an expensive mistake. Designers have been trained and many use a simple colour wheel to make sure their designs are going to work.

If you're confused about colour, follow our simple rules and you need never leave colour to chance again. And once you know the rules, have fun breaking them.

Colour is a deeply personal thing - what makes you swoon, might make someone else sick. If you've ever wondered why you feel listless in your lounge or happy in your hall, delve into colour psychology.

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the gigs

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Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
AfterLife
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Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Real World
9.30pm
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Sunday 6 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Jamming at the Crown
4-6pm
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Thursday 10 April
No.6 Resturant, North Square, DORCHESTER
Bernardo plays Continental Guitar
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Saturday 12 April
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Southern Tenant Folk Union
8pm. £10/£9

Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Rag Mama Rag
Doors 7.30pm. £13/£11/£6.50 adv £14/£12/£7 door

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
BarraCoodas
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Design
9.30pm
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Sunday 13 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Nina Garcia
4-6pm
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Saturday 19 April
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Buddy Holly and The Cricketers
Doors 7.45pm. £13.50, £11.50 concs.

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Powercut
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Grouvecat
9.30pm

Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Kinky Ukelele Workshop
10am-1pm or 12-3pm. £17.50.
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Sunday 20 April
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
A Tribute To Elvis - Tim Bassett
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Angelina
4pm
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Monday 21 April
Nags Head, LYME REGIS
West & Black
4pm
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Tuesday 22 April
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
The Bucky-Don'ts
1.30pm. Free admission.
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Wednesday 23 April
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Moulettes
+ support from Kate Young
7.30pm
£9+bf adv / £11 door.
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COURTNEY PINE BLOWS INTO BRIDPORT

Top saxophonist returns to the Electric Palace

AFTER sell out gigs in 2013, the Electric Palace will once again welcome Courtney Pine for a dance-inducing Caribbean-inspired event. This will be Courtney's only gig in the Southwest, so a big crowd is expected. No musician more embodies the dramatic transformation in the British jazz scene over the past twenty + years than Courtney Pine C.B.E. The ground breaking, multi- instrumentalist has led a generation of exciting and innovative players who have broadened their styles to take jazz out to a wider audience.

Fresh from sell out shows across the US,Canada and Europe, headline slots at Bestival, Love Supreme and Greenbelt Festivals here in the UK, Courtney in back touring his critically acclaimed House of Legends set. This, his 15th studio album to date sees Courtney return to the instrument he is best known for - the Saxophone and features his soprano sax exclusively for the first time.

Deeply steeped in the traditions of the Caribbean, this very personal project sees Courtney on top form, bringing together musicians from Africa, the Caribbean and Europe for vibrant exchanges that tell tales of life from a truly multi-cultural view point.

Expect an exhilarating mix of Merengue, Ska, Mento and Calypso as played through the lens (saxophone) of a UK born artist with strong, proud Afro-Caribbean roots. More information about the event can be found at www.electricpalace.org.uk

Courtney Pine

Buddy Holly and The Cricketers

THE breathtaking Buddy Holly and The Cricketers show has rock 'n' rolled audiences across the globe from Cardiff to California, Barking to Bangkok and Swindon to Sweden, and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music and dancing in the aisles.

It stars some of the finest actor-musicians in the UK whose combined West End credits include *Buddy*, *Lennon*, *Forbidden Planet* and *Jailhouse Rock*, and was endorsed as Britain's most popular Buddy Holly act when the boys guested on BBC One's Saturday night live programme, "The One and Only", hosted by Graham Norton.

Buddy Holly and The Cricketers perform at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, April 19th, with doors opening 7.45pm, and the band onstage at 8.30pm.

Tickets cost £13.50 (full) and £11.50 (concessions), and are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

the venues

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THE CROWN INN
WEST BAY ROAD, BRIDPORT
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AFTERLIFE
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Sunday 6th April
JAMMING AT THE CROWN
4-6pm
www.lemonrock.com/crowninn
Tel 01308 422037

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Silver St, Lyme Regis
Tel 01297 442312
FORTHCOMING EVENTS
Wednesday 2nd April, 7.30pm
QUIZ FOR SKATEPARK
Saturday 5th April
REAL WORLD
Saturday 12th April
DESIGN
Saturday 19th April
GROUVECAT
Sunday 20th April, 4pm
ANGELINA
www.nagsheadlymeregis.co.uk

FLAMENCO GUITARIST PERFORMS AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

THERE will be a special lunchtime concert at Dorset County Museum on Thursday, April 10th.

Talented flamenco guitarist Roger Cox will perform a Lecture-Recital at the Museum, combining a discussion of the history and meaning of Flamenco with guitar performances of the music. There will also be a display of photographs and texts about the history of Flamenco to accompany the event.

Roger has been playing flamenco guitar for 25 years and is always happy to share his love of this dramatic music and the Andalusian tradition that is its lifeblood.

The concert will last approximately one hour and is free to attend. Everyone is welcome and to cover costs, a small donation of £3 is requested. The concert will take place in the Museum's Victorian Gallery at 1pm on Thursday, April 10th.

RAG MAMA RAG TO ROUND-OFF THE DORCHESTER ARTS BLUES SPRING SERIES

DORCHESTER Arts are joined by husband and wife duo Rag Mama Rag to finish the DA Blues Spring series in foot-stomping style. Regarded as one of Europe's finest country blues acts, the core of their repertoire is 1920s and 30s blues, but they also play Mississippi Blues, East Coast Ragtime sounds, early White Country tunes, plus original compositions. Their musical talents include guitar, ukulele, washboard and harmonica – join us for one of the highlights of the season!

Tickets for the show on Saturday, April 12th at Dorchester Arts Centre are available from the box office on 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk. Tickets costs £13/£6.50 (for under 18s/NUS cardholders) in advance, or £14/£7 (for under 18s/NUS) on the door, and senior citizens £11 advance, £12 on the door.

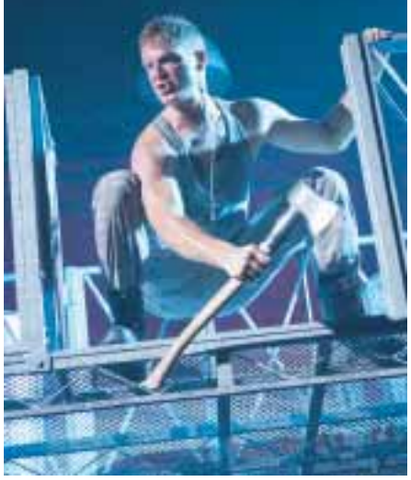
Internationally renowned theatre company comes to the Marine Theatre

THE phenomenon that is Propeller needs no introduction in the theatre world, creating and performing outstanding Shakespearean theatre on a worldwide scale to continuous rave reviews and huge critical acclaim. Notably known for their accomplished mission to educate audiences and expand people's knowledge of Shakespeare's writing via a rigorous approach to the text with a modern physical aesthetic, this all-male company work under the direction of the illustrious Edward Hall (also Artistic Director at the Hampstead Theatre and Associate Director at the National Theatre) to deliver accessible and excellent performances. Their latest venture of Henry V toured globally and is soon to be re-created at the Marine Theatre in a pocket, 60-minute reimagining on Friday, April 4th, at 8pm.

Pocket Henry tells the heroic tale of England's greatest warrior. Watch how Henry V prepares to lead England into battle against a mighty French opponent with his band of brave, loyal brothers. Sharp English weapons combine with Shakespeare's noble words to bring our history to life in this pocket-sized show. In a world where loyalty and courage are put to the test, will Henry V and England prevail and win the day?

Ideal for theatre lovers, young audiences and for those of you currently studying Shakespeare, this lively and brilliant cast are an absolute must-see! There will also be a Q&A session with cast members following the performance.

The show comes to The Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Friday, April 4th at 8pm. Tickets are £14 (full price) and £12 (concessions), and to book tickets, call TIC on 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com



AWARD WINNING BRIDPORT MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS SHOWSTOPPERS 3

BRIDPORT Musical Theatre Company, who have recently been awarded a NODA South West District Achievement award, and also nominated for the Best Musical Production in the South West for their 2013 production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie", are back on the Bridport Arts Centre stage with their sparkling production of "Showstoppers 3". This will be an evening of song and dance featuring some of the best loved hits from musicals of Broadway and the West End with performances on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, and Friday 18th April starting at 7.30 pm. This lively, energetic and talented company known for their first class musical theatre productions promises you an evening of great entertainment not to be missed.

Tickets prices are £10 and £8.50 for students and under 18s and are available from Bridport Arts Centre box office, telephone 01308 424204 or book online at www.bridport-arts.com

The cast of Showstoppers 3

ELVIS vs JERRY LEE LEWIS: THE SHOWDOWN

ROCK n' Roll fans are in for a big night when The Showdown comes to the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Friday, April 11th. The fast moving show features two breathtaking performers Dave B (Elvis) and Peter Gill (Jerry Lee Lewis) supported by the Buddy Presley Band. Who was the real king of Rock n' Roll? Elvis the pelvis? or The Killer - Jerry Lee Lewis? This is your opportunity as the two come head to head.

Be excited once more by the sheer energy of Elvis' hits such as 'Hound Dog', 'All Shook Up', 'Don't Be Cruel' and 'Teddy Bear', and Jerry Lee Lewis' such as 'Great Balls of Fire', 'Whole Lotta Shakin'' and 'High Street Confidential'. Dave B and Peter Gill remind us all why Rock n'Roll will never die. Then when the show is over you choose who was the true king and invite them back for a final curtain call.

Tickets for the Showdown £13.50p. /£15 on the door from Dorchester TIC 01305 267992, Bridport TIC on 01308 424901, or from the hotline on 01392 411194.

Win a pair of tickets to Elvis vs Jerry Lee Lewis: Showdown

To win a pair of tickets to the show, just answer the following question:

What is the name of the band supporting Dave B and Eric Gill in the show?

Send your answer, along with a contact telephone number, to: Showdown Competition, View from Newspapers, Unit 3, St Michael's Business Centre, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset DT7 3DB. Entries must be received by Tuesday, April 8th. Winner will be selected at random.

Peter Gill as Jerry Lee Lewis

Dave B as Elvis

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WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND

MARTINSTOWN: Chair Based Exercises for the older person 11.15am - 12.30pm at Martinstown Village Hall. £5 per class. All Welcome. A nice exercise with strengthening & stretching and lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

DORCHESTER: The Adventures of Robin Hood (1938) will be shown at Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester, 4 Prince of Wales Road (DT1 1PW).

THURSDAY APRIL 3RD

BRIDPORT: Bridport Electronic Organ Club Concert with Elizabeth Harrison. At United Church Hall, East Street. Doors 7pm, concerts 7.30pm. Membership £4 per year. Concert admission: members £7, visitors £8.

CHIDEOCK: Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

FRIDAY APRIL 4TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 50+. 3pm - 4.30pm at the W.I Hall George Street, West Bay. £5 per class. All Welcome. A good workout (no floor) with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886.

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH

BEAMINSTER: Organ recital at St.Mary's Church, Beaminster at 3-00p.m. by Glen Dempsey, currently the Organ Scholar at St. George's Chapel,Windsor. He has recently won the Organ Scholarship to St.John's College, Cambridge. Programme to include works by J.S.Bach, Schumann,Mendelssohn and Flor Peeters. Tickets £12 on the door,from Yarn Barton,Beaminster or Bridport Music.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Bowls Club Coffee Morning. Various stalls and raffle, 10am-12noon at the Club House, Priory Lane.

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Choral Society Easter concert at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church. John Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' and seasonal works by Howard Goodall, Ralph Vaughan Williams and Edward Elgar. Tickets £12 (free for under-16s) available on the door.

LODERS: Bumper Jumble Sale at Loders Village Hall, 10am-12noon. Refreshments and plenty of parking. Admission 50p. Helping Charlie and Joe with their fundraising for a Borneo expedition in 2015 with Camps International and Colfox School. For more details or donations of jumble call 01308 427210

SEATON: Seaton Tennis Open Day. 9.30am-4.30pm (junior programme in the morning, adult programme in the afternoon. Everyone welcome. At Seaton Cricket & Law Tennis Club, Court Lane (EX12 2AR)

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH - SUNDAY JULY 6TH

BEAMINSTER: Water: shaping life along the River Brit - Exhibition. At Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road, DT8 3NB. For more details call 01308 863577 or visit www.beaminstermuseum.org. Museum Opening Times: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 10.30am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 4.30pm Sundays: 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Admission £2; Students (16 and over £1); Accompanied Children (Under 16) Free

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND

BEAMINSTER: 'Rubbish!' - Exhibition. At Beaminster Musuem, Whitcombe Road, DT8 3NB. For more details call 01308 863577 or visit www.beaminstermuseum.org. Museum Opening Times: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 10.30am – 1.00pm, 2.00pm – 4.30pm Sundays: 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Admission £2; Students (16 and over £1); Accompanied Children (Under 16) Free

MONDAY APRIL 7TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport The Annual General Meeting of the Bridport & District Branch of the RNLI will be held at The Haddon House Hotel, West Bay, at 7.30pm for 7.45pm. Visitors are most welcome to attend. Information from Jim on 01308 421021

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music (low impact) 40+, from 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall, North Street. £5 per class. All welcome. A good workout with lots of fun. For more details call 01308 426390 or 07900 864886

DORCHESTER: U3A Monthly Meeting including an illustrated talk on the topical issue of 'I.K. Brunel - Victorian Engineer'. Hobbies table to display Corgi or Dinky cars etc. Refreshments available. Limited parking. All retired / semi-retired welcome. At Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Culliford Road, 10am-12noon. For more details call 01305 250347.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442

TUESDAY APRIL 8TH

BRIDPORT: Jane Ferentzi Sheppard will hold a Show and Tell about relatives in WWI, at Bridport United Church Main Hall from 2.30pm. Please bring your memories and photos etc. All welcome. Visitors £2.50.

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THURSDAY APRIL 10TH

CHIDEOCK: Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm.

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'Dorset's Unique Landscapes'. An illustrated talk by Tony Bates, distinguished photographer and President of Dorset Wildlife Trust. Thursday 10th April at 7.30 pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College near Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

DORCHESTER: The Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall at 2.15pm. Talk by Jan Shaw 'Supporting Poor Filipino Children'. £1 admission, includes tea and biscuits. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 259755.

FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Phil Wells Competition; Triptych of 3 related images. At Woodmead Halls, from 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or visit www.lymebayphotographicclub.org

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BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall, (Next to the Church),Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

WEYMOUTH: Monthly meeting of Weymouth & Portland U3A. Speaker Dr Anne Collier, a historian and writer 'Weymouth & the New World: from Raleigh to Religion'at St Aldhelms Church Centre, Spa Road. From 10am.

CHARMOUTH: Shannon Turner at Royal Oak from 9pm. Free entry.

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH

BRIDPORT: Coffee morning and stalls for cakes,bric-a-brac, books and a raffle at Bridport United Church hall from 10a.m.to 12noon. Organised by the Friends of West Dorset Music.

UPLYME: Ballroom, Latin and some Sequence Dancing at the village hall, 8-10.30pm. £4.50 per person in aid of hall funds. For more details call 01297 442439.

CHARMOUTH: Royal British Legion, Womens Section, Charmouth Branch. Easter Coffee Morning with stalls at the Village Hall, Wesley Close. 10am-12noon. Admission £1 to include Tea or Coffee. Everybody Welcome.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Gift & Craft Fair at St Mary's Hall, South Street. 9am-2pm. Free entry. Over 20 stallholders/crafts people selling a wide variety of goodies for all tastes and ages. Bacon rolls, coffee, tea and homemade cakes available at bargain price. Pop along and see us. Also Charity tombola for Julia's House Childrens' hospice. Info from 07807728361

SUNDAY APRIL 13TH

BRIDPORT: Eastern European and French Music and Dance Session (monthly, second Sundays) at The Ropemakers, 36 West St., DT6 3QP. 12.30-2.30pm, entry free. Musicians welcome, plus dancers of any ability – no experience needed; some dances may be walked through from midday. Contact Mecki on 01308 423442 (mecki1@yahoo.co.uk)

MONDAY APRIL 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'Saving Mr Banks' (cert PG) at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from 01308 862796, or email jeanowen@uwclub.net, or £5.50 on the door.

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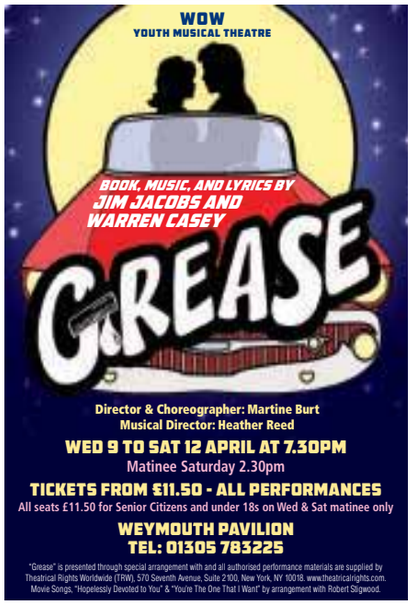
WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society illustrated talk at Highlands End Leisure Centre, at 2.30pm. Speaker: Ms Linda Smith on 'Power Propaganda & Men in Tights: English Art under the tudors'. For more details call 01297 443615.

Youth Theatre



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5.15-6.15pm **PILATES**
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7.45-8.30pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**

TUESDAY
6.30-7.30pm **ZUMBA**

WEDNESDAY
4.00-6.00pm **GYMNASTICS**
6.00-6.45pm **GROUP STUDIO CYCLING**
6.00-7.00pm **BFIT RUNNING CLUB**
7.00-8.00pm **BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB**
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9.30am - 4.00pm
Small furniture, Textiles, China, Glass, Silver, Jewellery, Books, Pictures etc.
Upcoming fair: Saturday 17th May
Home made refreshments
Enquires: Meadow Fairs 01297 24446

The Ropewalk Fair

A celebration of Bridport's Rope and Net Industry

THIS spring local organisations, employers and volunteers are joining forces to hold Bridport's first ever event celebrating its rope making heritage and net making future.

Bridport's place in the landscape and the layout of its streets and long gardens lay testament to its rope making heritage. Today, its net makers are still are the forefront of design, production and innovation; the Bridport name is linked with nets from Wembley to Wimbledon, aviation and defence to children's play areas.

The Ropewalk Fair will be a community event that will, over the weekend of May 10th-11th , host a whole range of activities including sporting challenges, heritage walks, lively talks and discussions, skill sharing, live music and much, much more.

Saturday will revolve around talks, walks, music and exhibitions in the town, whilst Sunday will be the main event ~ a family fair with lots of stalls, activities and food, all themed around rope and net – form a team for the tug of war, try your hand at spinning rope or trace your family's rope-making past.

Organisers are keen to rope in as many people as possible to get involved with the weekend and build up. So if you have an idea for a stall, game or activity based on the Fair's rope and net theme or would like to become an event sponsor, then they'd love to hear from you.

Fantastic line-up for Dorchester Festival

THE 11th biennial Dorchester Festival will take place over the late May Bank Holiday weekend 2014 (May 22nd-26th). It has become one of the town's most anticipated and cherished celebrations, attracting thousands of people of all ages and backgrounds from a wide area to a high-quality, diverse programme of theatre, music, dance, comedy and community arts in both indoor and outdoor settings.

This year's festival will see a feast of talent from near and far, with some of the best of our local performers as well as some outstanding internationally renowned musicians, comedians and entertainers.

Highlights of the 2014 programme will include:

• A 3-day programme of **free entertainment and activities in Borough Gardens** featuring music, dance, installations, walkabout performers, family fun, workshops, food and market stalls, and a bar.

• The wildly exciting **RSVP Bhangra** band who will lead the parade through Dorchester town centre on Saturday, May 24th and then perform in the Borough Gardens.

• The Dorset premiere of a **new play about Martha Brown**, whose hanging in Dorchester was a major influence on the writing of Thomas Hardy, performed by Angel Exit Theatre Company.

• **The Beat** – the massively popular ska band from Birmingham who fuse ska, pop, soul, reggae and punk rock – will headline on Monday, May 26th in Dorchester's Corn Exchange.

• Late-night stand up comedy from **Laurence Clarke**, writer, actor, presenter and disability rights campaigner who performs his darkly comic show 'Inspired'.

• An exhibition at Dorchester Arts Centre by award-winning **painter Fernando Velazquez** as part of Dorset Art Weeks.

• An **acoustic café** in the Borough Gardens featuring some of the best local young musicians and spoken word performers.

• **Children's theatre** from Birdsnest Theatre.

• **Talks and literary events** for adults and children

• Pop-up events around the town

◆ *The Dorchester Festival is organised by Dorchester Arts with the backing of Arts Council England, West Dorset District Council and Dorchester Town Council.*

For more information about the festival, or for ways you can get involved, contact Dorchester Arts' Artistic Director Mark Tattersall on 01305 266926, email mark@dorchesterarts.org.uk, or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Cinema Listings

Friday, Apr 4th - Thursday, Apr 10th
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LYME REGIS REGENT
Tel: 0871 230 3200
www.scottcinemas.co.uk

Muppets Most Wanted U
Fri: 17.15, Sat-Wed: 11.35, 14.05
Thu: 14.05

Captain America: The Winter Soldier PG
Fri: 20.00, Sat-Thu: 16.50, 20.00
Sat, Sun, Wed: 13.25, 16.40, 19.50

Philomena 12A Thu: 10.30am

BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE
Tel: 01308 424204
www.bridport-arts.com

Contact Arts Centre or visit website for upcoming films

DORCHESTER ODEON
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DORCHESTER PLAZA
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Captain America: The Winter Soldier 12A
Daily: 11.45, 13.15, 14.45, 16.15, 17.45, 19.15, 20.25

Muppets Most Wanted U
Daily: 10.10, 11.15, 12.20, 13.50, 16.25 (excluding Thu: 12.20)

The Grand Budapest Hotel 15
Fri, Sat: 19.00, Sun: 18.25, Mon-Wed: 20.05, Thu: 14.45

Starred Up 18
Fri, Sat: 21.20, Sun-Wed: 20.45

Need For Speed 12A
Fri-Sun: 20.45, Mon-Wed: 17.15

Justin & The Nights of Valour PG
Fri-Sun: 10.15am

Frozen PG
Sat: 10.45am

Divergent 12A
Fri-Sun: 12.30, 14.15, 17.15, 18.15, 20.15, 21.15
(Excluding Sun: 18.15)
Mon-Thu: 11.45, 14.15, 17.15, 19.00, 20.15

Rio 2 U
Daily: 10.45, 12.10, 13.10, 14.35, 15.35, 17.00, 18.00, 19.30
(Excluding Thu: 18.00)

The Lego Movie U
Fri-Wed: 10.00, 14.55, Thu: 14.55

Labor Day 15
Fri, Sun: 15.40,
Mon-Wed: 14.45

A Long Way Down 15
Fri, Mon, Tue: 12.00

Non-Stop 12A
Sat: 15.40, Wed & Thu: 11.45am

Mr Peabody and Sherman U
Daily: 10.00, 11.00am

Noah 12A
Daily: 12.45, 15.45, 17.15, 18.45, 20.15 (Excluding Thu: 15.45)

The Quiet Ones 15
Thu: 18.00, 21.15

This week's new cinema releases

DIVERGENT 12A
IN a world divided by factions based on virtues, Tris learns she's Divergent and won't fit in. When she discovers a plot to destroy Divergents, Tris and the mysterious Four must find out what makes Divergents dangerous before it's too late.

Stars Shailene Woodley, Theo James and Kate Winslet

NOAH 12A
A MAN is chosen by God to undertake a momentous mission of rescue before an apocalyptic flood destroys the world.

Stars Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly and Anthony Hopkins.

RIO 2 PG
IT'S a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids after they're hurtled Rio de Janeiro to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all: his father-in-law.

Voices from Anne Hathaway, Jesse Eisenberg and Rodrigo Santoro.

THE DOUBLE 15
A comedy centered on a man who is driven insane by the appearance of his doppleganger.

Stars Jesse Eisenberg, Mia Wasikowska, and Chris O'Dowd.

THE MOTEL LIFE 15
A pair of working-class brothers flee their Reno Motel after getting involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident.

Stars Emile Hirsch, Stephen Dorff, Kris Kristofferson and Dakota Fanning.

#Letter365 – a year in the making

WE all like getting letters. Bradpole artist David Smith will be sending a letter a day to Bridport Arts Centre, for a whole year!

It's all part of an art project, entitled *#Letter365*, that will gradually unfold over the coming 12 months. Working in conjunction with Bridport Arts Centre, David will create a unique artwork each and every day for a year with the accumulated work being exhibited as an installation in the Art Centre's Allsop Gallery in March 2015.

Before the end of each day David will seal his work in an envelope and arrange for it's delivery to the Arts Centre by post or other means, where it will remain unopened and unseen until the exhibition. The unfolding process will be documented on a blog www.letter365.co.uk.

"I am very excited to be working with Bridport Arts Centre on this major piece of work" says David. "It will be fascinating to see how the pieces vary across the year, reflecting the changes of the seasons and the influences around me. I am interested in the interplay between order and chaos, and this very structured process is bound to get affected in interesting ways during the year.

People will be invited to invest in the project and the individual pieces will be for sale – sight unseen. There will also be some additional events around the project to make it accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

Polly Gifford, Artistic Director of Bridport Arts Centre, says "This was certainly one of the most unusual exhibition proposals I've had but also one of the most interesting and I'm sure it will make a fascinating show. It will be an act of collective will for us not to open any of the envelopes as they gather in a box at the Arts Centre!"

David has proved that he can manage the discipline of a daily creative deadline: for the last year he has been creating a collage every day which gets posted on Twitter before midnight, @DavidSmithArt, and later on his blog www.scissorsandglue.co.uk. A selection of these pieces will be exhibited in the foyer and café at Bridport Arts Centre in November and December this year.

Brain Gym

No.267

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
S	F	B	K	O	U	N	D	H	L	P	T	Q
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
V	C	Z	E	R	G	I	A	M	W	J	Y	X

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

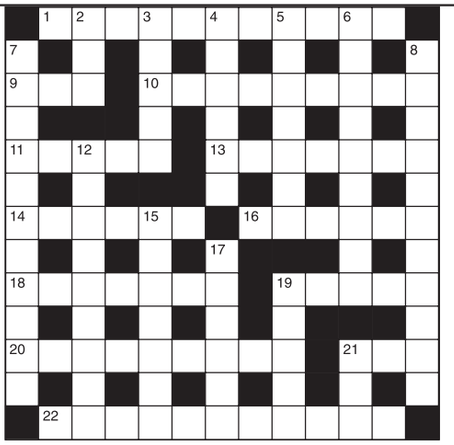
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Standard features of many thoroughfares (6-5)
9. Sister who stays in a singular state (3)
10. Those chosen rode with the conductor (9)
11. Insist on only what is right? (5)
13. Jack Brown's popular in Scotland (7)
14. Time when all assets were frozen (3,3)
16. Discovers Eastern secret agents (6)
18. Inane is another way of putting this (7)
19. Different names for a minister's house (5)
20. Sid cheats perhaps and is punished (9)
21. So unhealthy sounding (3)
22. No more stars for star-gazers (11)

Down

2. Not up to 100 mph? (3)
3. Not inclined to build (5)
4. Not a musical score (6)
5. Dresses at first then grows weary (7)
6. Trying time for a beginner (9)
7. What is left (11)
8. Doggedness is derived from its presence (11)
12. They're a blend of the main races (9)
15. Proverbially it's not an indication of gold (7)
17. Time to make things palatable (6)
19. Either way, it's a mode of address (5)
21. One may be entitled to be called it (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Ruling (11)
9. Single (3)
10. Specific (9)
11. Male duck (5)
13. Correspondence (7)
14. Lure (6)
16. Oration (6)
18. Compunction (7)
19. Blackboard support (5)
20. Disentangle (9)
21. Colour (3)
22. Unthankfulness (11)

Down

2. Regret (3)
3. Evade (5)
4. Deaden sound (6)
5. Unceasing (3,4)
6. Dignity (9)
7. Unfeeling (4,7)
8. Tenant (11)
12. Robot (9)
15. Bearer (7)
17. Leave (6)
19. Bring to bear (5)
21. Concealed (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	2	3	1	5	9	8	4	7
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5	4	7	8	3	6	9	1	2
3	7	2	6	1	4	5	8	9
9	6	5	2	8	3	4	7	1
8	1	4	7	9	5	6	2	3
7	5	1	9	4	8	2	3	6
2	8	9	3	6	1	7	5	4
4	3	6	5	7	2	1	9	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Miss; 3 Illusory; 9 Tedious; 10 Fitly; 11 Disinherited; 13 Retire; 15 Accrue; 17 Empty protest; 20 Crown; 21 Incense; 22 Refusing; 23 Digs. Down: 1 Matadors; 2 Sides; 4 Lasses; 5 Unfair choice; 6 Outwear; 7 Yo-yo; 8 Corner stones; 12 Meatless; 14 Time off; 16 Option; 18 Ennui; 19 Scar. QUICK - Across: 1 Sewn; 3 Acquired; 9 Propose; 10 Defer; 11 Highland reel; 13 Refund; 15 Blithe; 17 Combinations; 20 Limbo; 21 Elector; 22 Sunshade; 23 Onus. Down: 1 Sapphire; 2 Wrong; 4 Cleans; 5 Underclothes; 6 Reflect; 7 Dare; 8 Polling booth; 12 Censures; 14 Footman; 16 Indeed; 18 Often; 19 Plus.

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The property has the benefit of LPG central heating, and as previously mentioned offers huge extension possibilities particularly with the three large workshops which are attached to the main house.

One of the real features of this property is not only the good sized gardens within which it stands, but also the significant parking for 8 - 10 vehicles and double garage.

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Budget 2014: Property Sharing Experts view

Steve Moir, chairman of the Property Sharing Experts network of nearly 80 estate agency offices throughout the South West, comments on Budget 2014, which was announced by Chancellor George Osborne on 19th March...

While Budget 2014 revealed nothing particularly spectacular or shocking for the property industry, there were some interesting points. Probably the most substantial factor to affect the market, predominantly in London, is the change in Stamp Duty for 'corporate' purchasers, who now have to pay the 15% tax on homes costing over £500,000 – a figure which was previously £2m. Reportedly, agents in the capital had a few manic hours trying to get deals pushed through or re-negotiated in the short timeframe between the announcement and its implementation at midnight on Wednesday.

More significant for us here in the South West is the extension of the Help to Buy scheme for new homes, until 2020. This will only bolster confidence in the market and encourage developers to build more homes, which will go some way towards helping ease the housing shortage.

Meanwhile, the continuing low interest rates are helping buyers get onto and move up the housing ladder. We are seeing increasing numbers of buyers from the South East looking to release the capital in their homes and move to the Westcountry – a pattern that is likely to continue to grow.

It would have been nice to see Stamp Duty thresholds change, particularly the 3% at £250,000, which is now affecting many very ordinary properties. It would have made a considerable difference to the market if this had been increased to say, £300,000 and we hope this will be considered in the future.

Aside of the property market, it's fantastic that the Government plans to spend an extra £140m on flood defence repairs and maintenance. And it's great that it has made available £200m to fix potholes - there are so many roads badly affected though, I wonder if this might just be a drop in the ocean!

Other welcome news is that of an increase in the earnings amount to £10,500 before paying Income Tax and the abolition of a rise in fuel duty, which was planned for September. I'm looking forward to seeing the new 12-sided £1 coin – sounds interesting!

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LYME REGIS £675 PCM

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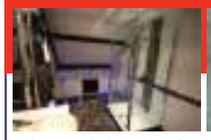
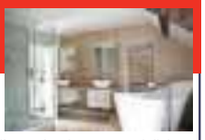

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The popular Alto SZ model will continue to be available from £5,999 which represents a £1,200 customer saving on list price. Splash 1.0-litre SZ2 is available from £7,999, Swift 1.2 SZ2 three door at £8,999 and the SX4 1.6 SZ3 available for £10,495.

Suzuki is also continuing its flexible PCP (Personal Contract Purchase) offers until the end of June. Alto SZ is available for a deposit of £869 followed by 1 payment of £125 then 41 monthly payments of £99 with the option to pay a final balloon payment of £2,235 at the end of the agreement to keep the car.

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Moving up the small car range to the Splash SZ2 1.0-litre, the latest PCP offer requires a low deposit of £929 followed by 48 monthly payments of £125 and an optional final payment of £2,883.

The good news also continues for Swift buyers; as an example, the SZ2 three door at £8,999 remains available for a deposit of only £156 followed by 42 monthly payments of £156 and an optional final payment of £3,683. The PCP offers include the latest model Swift 1.3 DDiS which has CO2 emissions of just 101g/km and offers 72.4mpg on the combined cycle.

At the top of the Swift range, the recently enhanced, award winning 1.6-litre Sport three door is newly included in the low rate Driveplan PCP offer requiring a deposit of £1,999 followed by 42 monthly payments of £199.

The SX4 S-Cross range is available from £14,999 and there are a range of finance options to help buyers find a payment option that suits them; including a new enhancement on Driveplan PCP making all DDiS models available for the same deposit and monthly payment as an equivalent petrol version.

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Golf Mk I: The first series production Golf rolled off the assembly line in Wolfsburg on 29 March 1974. Where for decades the Beetle and thus rear-mounted engines and rear-wheel drive had dominated the scene, a new era had now dawned: that of the transversely mounted front engine and front-wheel drive.

As the successor to the legendary Beetle, of which over 21.5 million units were built, the Golf Mk I, designed by Giorgio Giugiaro and Volkswagen Design, had to live up to the immense expectations that it would carry on the success story of what until then was the world's most successful car. It worked: the modern and reliable drive concept, the excellent spatial economy and ultimately the design as well, won over the market to such an extent that by October 1976 the one-millionth Golf had been produced.

In launching the first Golf GTI (in 1976), Volkswagen heralded the introduction of greater dynamism in this class, while the Golf D (naturally aspirated diesel engine, 1976) and the later Golf GTD (turbodiesel, 1982) marked the breakthrough for diesel cars in the compact segment. With the Golf Cabriolet, introduced in 1979, Volkswagen launched an open-top car that was at times the best-selling cabrio in the world.

Golf Mk II: As of August 1983, passengers no longer sat quite so close to each other, as use of space have been improved once more. It was then on the Golf that the regulated catalytic converter was introduced (1984), anti-lock braking system (ABS, 1986) and power-steering to the lower medium class. In 1986, syncro was introduced, opening up the option of all-wheel drive in the Golf class.

Golf Mk III: With the launch of the third generation Golf in August 1991, Volkswagen heralded a new era of safety. This Golf was the first of the series to have front airbags, starting in 1992, while major advances in the area of car body construction also resulted in significantly improved crash safety. In addition, numerous other technological milestones of the model range are linked to the third Golf. Many new features made their debut in this new Golf: the first six cylinder engine (VR6), cruise control, oxidation catalytic converter for diesel engines (1991) and the first direct injection diesel engines (TDI in 1993). Likewise, ABS became a standard feature on all Golf models in 1996. In 1993, Volkswagen had also introduced a new convertible based on the Golf Mk III, a new all-wheel drive model (syncro II) and the first Golf Variant (an estate).

Golf Mk IV: Under the direction of Hartmut Warkuß, then Head of Design at Volkswagen (Group), the Golf Mk IV crystallised the clear, precise design that lived up to the history of the Volkswagen brand more than ever before while setting its course to the future. With the debut of ESC (in 1998), the car continued to democratise safety. Also in 1998, Volkswagen unveiled the first all-wheel-drive Golf with a Haldex clutch – the Golf 4MOTION. One year later, ESC became a standard feature, initially in Germany.

The first direct-injection engine (FSI) and the debut of the standard head airbag (window airbags) followed in 2002. Also in 2002, Volkswagen launched the R32, with a top speed of 250 km/h (155 mph). It was this top model of the range that in 2003 was the first to debut with the revolutionary dual-clutch gearbox (DSG).

Golf Mk V: This was the Golf that boasted levels of comfort and dynamic performance that left many competitors way behind in 2003. The same went for the car's security features. One factor that underlines the stability of the laser-welded bodywork was the 35 per cent increase in torsional rigidity demonstrated when the Golf Mk V made its debut in 2003. On request, the Golf was now also available for the first time with side airbags – together with the six standard airbags (front, side front and window) there were thus eight protective air buffers on board. In comfort as well as dynamic performance, the Golf Mk V scored in numerous areas, including: its new four-link rear suspension, seven-speed DSG, bi-xenon headlights, panoramic sliding sunroof, plus the world's first twincharger (in the 2006 TSI), combining turbo- and supercharger. In 2006, the Golf Plus made its debut; in 2007, the CrossGolf, a new Estate and the extremely fuel-efficient Golf BlueMotion (4.5 l/100 km or 62.8 mpg).

Golf Mk VI: In just four years, a further 2.85 million Golf cars had been produced by the end of July 2012, based on the sixth generation of the car launched in 2008. And once again safety made great advances too: the car body was so rugged that it passed the EuroNCAP crash test with flying colours, gaining the maximum five stars. Meanwhile, more TSI engines and a transition among the turbodiesel engines (TDI) from unit injection to the common rail system resulted in greater dynamic performance and lower fuel consumption. A top performer here was the second Golf BlueMotion with a combined fuel consumption of just 3.8 l/100 km (74.3 mpg), equivalent to 99 g/km of CO_2. New assistance systems, such as Light Assist automatic main beam management and Park Assist, made the sixth generation the most advanced Golf to date.

Golf Mk VII: On 4 September 2012, Volkswagen celebrated the world premiere of the seventh generation Golf. The weight of the new Golf was reduced by up to 100 kg, thereby reversing the often cited upward weight spiral. Fuel economy was hence also improved by up to 23 per cent. The new Golf TDI BlueMotion consumes only 3.2 l/100 km (88.3 mpg) (equivalent to 85 g/km of CO_2) under standard NEDC conditions. In addition, Volkswagen has equipped the Golf with an entire armada of new assistance systems – some as options and others as standard. In 2014, Volkswagen electrifies the compact class with the Golf: the all-electric e-Golf with a range of around 190 kilometres is already available to buy. In addition, the new Golf GTE will be launched in autumn. Its plug-in hybrid drive system achieves a standard fuel consumption of 1.5 l/100 km; in all-electric mode, the Golf GTE can be driven for 50 kilometres.

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CRICKET

Stumpy goes back to Africa

PORTLAND cricketer and Dorset coach Grant Neven has just returned from his second trip to Uganda where he was a team leader as part of the Cricket Without Boundaries (CWB) project to raise awareness on AIDS and to coach local people to play cricket.

Once again, Stumpy as he is known, had a brilliant time and sent us some snippets from his diary:

"A typical day began with one large class of 60 children emerging for their PE lesson where they were taught cricket by the CWB coaches.

"However this was small in comparison to the number of children that arrived for their morning break, all eager to learn and play cricket.

"The team, whilst not running an official session, had 20 minutes to try to entertain and educate them and split off into several groups doing various different activities.

"Tasks ranged from catching, batting, dancing and simply just belting a ball in the air for someone to catch.

"Their enthusiasm was unrecognisable from anything seen back home. Simply the sight of tennis ball's was enough for some, let alone having the opportunity to touch, catch or hit it.

"I would say the 20 minutes flew by, but by the end of it some of the team were looking like they'd been out there all day; a real introduction for the seven CWB debutants on the trip."

"There followed a session with 15 school coaches followed by another coaching session with two schools at midday each with 80 pupils.

"After a quick introduction from the head teacher at Gulu Public School the children were educated about the reasons behind CWB before they were taught the skills which following a request from a teacher ended with a dance from the CWB team whilst the kids sang an ABC song!

"The Ugandan youngsters are amazing. They are absolute naturals at throwing, catching and fielding, and also have a tough competitive streak and like to win.

"At St Joseph we did a bowling drill with a hard ball and at times the ball would go crashing into their shins with no hint of anguish.

"After lunch we panicked when we were confronted by around 300 children for their next session, but thankfully a teacher turned up and dispersed the crowd back to their lessons whilst a group of around 50 remained.

"Following two hours of fun and key messages being delivered the kids departed for the day and the team retreated to the hotel.

"The following day we moved to Arua Hill Primary school for some coach education; the teachers who had attended the previous day delivering the session brilliantly, integrating cricket skills with ABC messages with ease.

"After lunch we headed off to Muni Secondary school with a group of 40 newly arrived Sudanese girls, who were introduced into to our beautiful game.

"A lot of ABC's were incorporated, for which it was pleasing to see the girls had a good understanding of."

Stumpy went on to describe how 52 excited children had managed to get aboard a bus to attend a session for a round robin with the cricket ground a sea of colour, noise and enthusiasm.

"Some of the talent on show was unbelievable with some big hitting, brilliant bowling and fantastic fielding."

A presentation then followed, with each team receiving CWB shirts and wristbands along with some tennis balls for the school.

The winners Anyafio primary, led by teacher Mr Godi, received a kit bag full of Kwik Cricket kit, while teachers were given a new cricket shirt each.

Once finished it was back to the hotel to pick up their bags before a 375km drive to the next stop Lira.

● CWB has three main goals: To spread cricket through coaching children and teaching adults how to coach; to link the sport to HIV/AIDS awareness and incorporate these messages into coaching sessions; and to bring together and empower local communities through cricket.

■ Stumpy at the Ugandan National Cricket Stadium

BASKETBALL

Hornets humbled by smarting Raiders

Weymouth Raiders 75
Hamble Hornets 72

WEYMOUTH went into this game against Solent Men's Division Four league leaders Hamble Hornets low in confidence, after a crushing defeat by the bottom club in the cup.

The game started very slowly with both teams missing easy layups, before the game sparking into life with the Hornets scoring two consecutive baskets without reply.

Jake Kinder and Josh Turner responded by scoring all Weymouth's points in the first quarter to leave them just two points down at 15-13.

The second quarter started in a similar vein with Hornets scoring two free throws out of four, before Weymouth started to play and became more efficient on the offence, but still weren't playing help side defence.

But with MVP Jay Wilson, ***pictured right,*** and Alex Legg in free scoring mode they both hit three pointers and with help from Turner and Kinder kept the scoreboard ticking over to finish the first half of the game 36-30 up.

Weymouth did quite well in the third quarter but the Hornets started to get their rhythm back.

Weymouth rallied again when Holden was called for a foul that wasn't, and with Wilson, Kinder, Thompson and Turner all scoring in what was a very competitive quarter, and with each team trading off three-pointers against each other, Weymouth edged it 20-18 to lead 56-48.

Both teams tired and made more mistakes in the fourth quarter which made fast breaks more likely with a loss of concentration in defence and Hornets took full advantage of the very tired Raiders defence. Alas this was not enough as Weymouth having done enough in the first three quarters held on to merit the 75-72 victory.

Coach Josh Turner said after the game: "I am over the moon to have gained such an important win. The lads played very well and I hope this is the catalyst for more victories for the remainder of the season."

Scorers/Roster: Jake Kinder 21, Josh Turner 19, Jay Wilson 15, Alex Legg 13, Jerry Thompson 4, Scott White 3, Matt Clarke Williams, Steve Reece, Kyle Holden and Robert Legg.

YOUTH RUGBY

First 'Play in the Park' a success

DORCHESTER Rugby Club's initiative to encourage more ladies and girls to take up rugby through the 'Scrum & Try' Initiative was hailed a great success by lead coach Nathan Parker.

The first session of three held at The Great Field at Poundbury on March 23rd with seven new recruits joining five current players.

Girls aged 12 to 16 participated in a light warm-up, followed by a game of touch rugby, under the watchful eyes of club coaches, who were on hand to offer advice and tips.

All the girls and coaches thoroughly enjoyed the experience having lots of fun throughout the one and half hour session.

With two more similar sessions to follow, DRFC Girls are hoping that more girls will accept the invitation to come and join in the fun, completely free of charge. The next session will be held at Kings Road Park on April 13th between 2pm and 3.30pm, with the final one at Salisbury Field in the town centre on May 18th at the same times.

Nathan Parker, Lead Coach DRFC Girls Youth Section said: "If you're a parent or a guardian of a young lady looking for a challenge, look no further than the 'Scrum & Try Initiative - Play in the Park'. For more information please do not hesitate to contact me – after 6pm – on 07818 055395."

INDOOR CRICKET

Another successful indoor cricket year

The 2013/2014 West Dorset Youth Indoor Cricket League celebrated a highly competitive and successful season with its Celebration and Presentation Day at The Osprey Leisure Centre on Saturday, March 22nd.

The day began with Youth League Organiser Grant Neven taking the assembled youth team members through a warm up, before two T20 matches involving players from all the clubs involved in this year's competition.

In the first, the 'Run Outs' batted first but found runs hard to come by against some accurate bowling and sharp fielding. Having limped to 46 for 1, Portland's Charles Durrant cleaned bowled two batsman in one over as 'Beastmould' seized the initiative, although a hard hitting 20 from James Message enabled the 'Run Outs' to close on 91 all out after 15 overs.

James Message and Lewis Harrington soon had Beastmould's reply in trouble at 4-2. However the Portland pair of Jacob Coombes (28 no) and Durrant (24) eased their side home with seven overs to spare.

Game Two saw 'Webbies Wonders' take on 'Tim's Tornadoes' in a thrilling match that was a huge advert for all that is good in local youth cricket.

The Tornadoes batting first scored a competitive 139 -4 in an innings that produced both excellent batting and bowling.

Wonders got off to a flyer with Dominic Webb (29 no) and Coombes (27 no) smashing the ball all around the arena. Despite a huge effort from the bowling side Josh Bower (17 no) hit the winning runs with six overs to spare. The presentation of trophies took place after the matches.

Osprey assistant manager and league co-ordinator Aarron Riley was full of praise for all the youngsters: "The standard of cricket throughout the season has been extremely high which is a testament to all the hard work which is put in by the all the club's coaches throughout the year.

"Osprey Leisure Centre are happy to run the league and sponsor the trophies for the next season which commences in September, and would also like to thank Portland Red Triangle's Grant Neven for giving up his Saturdays to run the league, umpire and to write the regular reports."

■ **ALL ROUND GOOD CRICKET:** Some of the players that took part in the indoor league last season

Busy month for Martinstown

MARTINSTOWN Cricket Club face a busy April as they eagerly anticipate the new season.

The pre-season calendar begins with the Natwest Cricket Force day this Saturday (April 5th). This day will provide an opportunity for prospective new members to check out what the club can offer, as players and supporters help to prepare the ground for action.

Senior practice officially kicks off on Monday (7th) from 5:30pm and will run in addition to Friday sessions throughout the season.

The club are targeting a fun and varied training programme to drive attendances and raise standards on the field, ahead of home friendly matches against Southampton University on Sunday 20th and Weymouth CC on Sunday 27th.

Junior practice follows later in the month with the under 15 age group training 5:30-7pm on Fridays from the 18th, and all other age groups (U13, U11 and U9) starting their Wednesday sessions from 6pm on the 23rd.

All junior sessions will be supervised by a team of qualified and committed coaches led by youth co-ordinator Lee House.

For the latest news, please join http://martinstown.play-cricket. com and follow @Martinstowncc on Twitter.

WEYMOUTH INDOOR FOOTBALL

Jolly Rogers make case for the six-a-side title

WITH the Weymouth Monday six-a-side league entering the second half of the season, Jolly Rogers raised their flag to be title challengers.

Bottom placed side Hardly Athletic were thumped 17-0, in a game where Craig Roper really caught the eye.

It was more business as usual elsewhere, with leaders The Belvedere seeing off Space Invaders 7-0 to maintain a two point lead from Melissa Sports, who beat Elites 5-0, thanks largely to Karl Parkhurst.

Top met bottom in the Thursday five-a-side and the formbook remained untroubled as Weymouth Wizards saw off Schindlers Assist 12-3. T

hat was enough to leave them two points clear of a chasing pack, which includes AFC Discharge after they edged out 2 Whites 6-4.

Dorchester & District Snooker

RESULTS - March 16th: Colliton XQ 2013 6 Purbeck Potters 0; Colliton Hopefuls 3 Trinity Gooduns 5; Colliton Hopefuls 4 Trinity Express 3; Purbeck Potters 2 West Dorset Club A 4; Colliton Cons 2 Colliton Hopefuls 5.

Top break of the season: Evan Wellman (67).

Table	P	Pts
West Dorset Club A	16	72
Trinity Gooduns	16	67
Colliton Hopefuls	16	66
Trinity M	16	64
Colliton Cons	16	59
Colliton XQ2013	16	57
Purbeck Potters	16	54
Trinity Express	16	52
WDC Whipping Boys	16	39

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DORSET FOOTBALL

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

WEYMOUTH Reserves stay top despite sharing the points with their hosts Parley Sports after throwing away a two goal lead through Carl McClements and Conor Jevon.

However Sports hit back to take a point with a brace from Tobias Holmes in the 73rd and 85th minutes.

Portland United closed the gap in second place to a single point with four games in hand following their 4-1 home defeat of Blandford United.

Ross Doige and Anthony Carlile gave them a two goal first half lead and although Oscar Bircham pulled one back on the hour, Carlile with a second and James Hansford scored fro a convincing victory.

Luke Stone's penalty on 56 minutes – the only goal of the game – keeps Hamworthy Recreation in the top four and visitors Bridport Reserves in sixth spot.

DORSET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Senior League

CHICKERELL United stay in second place despite losing 2-1 at Kingston Lacy who scored through Thomas McCormack and Jack Mills with David Love's penalty the only consolation.

Division One

THE Balti House are just one victory away from winning the league after they extended their lead to 14 points after a 2-0 success at Kangaroos.

Dorchester Sports stay in the top three following their 2-0 win at AFC Cobham, whilst Wincanton Town Reserves and Poundbury Rovers played out a 2-2 draw to maintain their mid table positions .

Bere Regis swopped places at the foot of the table with their visitors Stourpaine after they beat them 2-0 with goals from Kim Tinker and Matt Elford.

Division Two

PORTESHAM United kept up their chase on the leaders Lychett RT with a brace from Elliott Gould in their 2-1 victory at Portland Town.

Parley Sports stay in the top three following their 5-2 success against their visitors Wareham Redland FC moved up into the top four with a 2-1 home win over Corfe Castle goals from Matt Batchelor and Charlie Jones, whilst Gillingham Town A moved out of the bottom two after a 1-0 win at Chickerell United.

Division Four

PUDDLETOWN remain three points clear with a game in hand following their 3-2 win at Cranborne Reserves with Weymouth Spartans Reserves staying in third after their 3-2 victory at South Cheriton Reserves.

Owermoigne moved up to fourth after their 4-1 win at Corfe Mullen United Reserves, whilst Pimperne Sports Society won for the seventh time this season when they defeated visitors Portland Town A 4-1 whose consolation was scored by Daniel Sheppard.

Division Five

THE top two sides Portland United Youth and Broadstone drew 2-2.

BEES NEWS

WITH STUART BROOM

No complaints as Ressies suffer spot kick agony

Hamworthy Rec 1
Bridport Reserves 0

BEES manager Robin Townsend had no complaints about the penalty decision that saw his makeshift side suffer defeat at fourth placed Hamworthy Rec on Saturday.

"I have no complaints, it was a stonewall penalty. Billy Fleet produced a great reaction save, probably his best save of the season earlier to keep us in the game, unfortunately misjudged it when he rushed out and caught their player with his feet."

With so many absentees again, Townsend was grateful for the help of Will Gape and Dan Peart from Dorchester as well as Adam Stordy and Ryan Gall called up from the Thirds, and in the circumstances played a uncharacteristic 4-5-1 formation.

"I like to play attacking football, but with the options felt it best to try and stay in the game as long as we could."

The plan worked with the Bees frustrating Rec to a couple of half chance to go in goalless at the break, and even when they went behind in the second half they maintained their shape.

"Ash Clarke and Sam Day were excellent at the back, and in one way I thought we deserved a point in the end for just how we defended so well."

HOCKEY

WITH STUART BROOM

Double celebration for Hawks as both teams gain promotion

WEST Dorset Hawks were celebrating a double success at the weekend with the first team winning the Davis Wood South East 1 title and the A team being promoted as runners-up in the South East 3 league.

The Beaminster Ladies whilst not gaining promotion will also look back on a successful campaign after finishing third in the West Clubs Women's Channel Division 1.

Both of the men's team went into the last game of the season with slightly different objectives.

The first team had already won promotion the week before, but needed at least a point against lowly Taunton Vale C to ensure Bridgwater A didn't snatch the title on goal difference.

Despite being a goal down in the first minutes, they held their nerve and came through to win 5-1. In the end however it was academic, as Bridgwater A were beaten 5-3 by Shepton Mallett A and although Sidmouth & Ottery B won to take the other promotion slot they were five points behind Hawks.

For the A team it was a much harder task. With Bridgwater C already confirmed as champions and Hawks and ECV Hornets C locked on exactly the same number of points and goal difference, it meant Saturday's results would decide who won promotion.

The Hornets won 4-2 against Yeovil & Sherborne C, but the Hawks bettered that beating Chard B and take the runners-up spot.

West Dorset Hawks 5 Taunton Vale C 1

BRIDPORT based West Dorset suffered a few early jitters at the start and went behind inside five minutes. However they soon found the form that they had shown all season, despite striker Russell Coombes suffering from a recurring hamstring problem moments after the start of the game.

The midfield duo of Dan Wyatt and Rick Dormor started to put their weight around the field and conduct some good passing and were always a hassling any attacks that Taunton Vale could muster, whilst Steve Mearing up front alongside Coombes, had several threatening runs but good goalkeeping and near misses meant he was unable to convert any of them.

Eventually the endless pressure on the visiting defence told when right half Rick Steele smashed an excellent ball into Vale's penalty spot where Mearing was quick to deflect it deflected into goal.

Alex Davis continued his dominance over his opposing number in the second half, always looking threatning down the left flank, and his efforts were rewarded when he converted a short corner using an old, but well drilled routine. West Dorset continued to apply the pressure, whilst defenders Julian May, Charlie Davis, Lee Connelly, and Robin Goodfellow kept any threat at bay with some excellent tackling and great anticipation of the game.

In the final quarter Taunton started to crack, and Hawks scored three more. Dan Wyatt scored a great goal into the roof of the net, before Mearing dribbled past three defenders to slide a ball beyond the keeper for his second goal, whilst Coombes efforts up front were rewarded with a superbly taken deflect into the back of the net.

Skipper Dormer said: "Special thanks needs to go to our goalie Tom Lowe, who has had his best ever season and to several players that could not make the game but have been influential in the West Dorset's success this season, namely Gavin Brooking, Mike Thompson, Jim Bowditch, Simon Wakely, Richard Pewsey, Matt Caton and George Baker.

"West Dorset has had an excellent season and will look forward to building on this year's success in the division above."

Chard B 1 West Dorset Hawks A 5

WEST Dorset A travelled to fourth placed Chard B for their final game of the season knowing that second place and promotion were up for grabs.

Hawks started brightly, going 2-0 up within the first 10 minutes with goals from Rich Wilson and John Kellas. Wilson converted a fine cross with a flick at the far post before Kellas scored with a superb individual effort; beating a couple of Chard defenders before firing past the keeper.

Chard have a good home record and created chances themselves, the best of which was a goal bound shot following a short corner which was cleared off the line by Henry Middleton.

There was no addition to the score by halftime although a number of players from both sides had been issued green warning cards for persistent fouls as the atmosphere became heated.

George Baker increased West Dorset's lead early in the second half when he skilfully guided in Wilson hard shot, but Chard reduced the arrears following a poor defensive clearance gave the home player an easy opportunity.

The visitors quickly restored their three goal lead when Mike Thompson scored from the edge of the area, before Chard were reduced to ten when a player was yellow carded for petulantly kicking a West Dorset player's stick away.

However they still posed a threat and it needed another goal line clearance from Middleton to maintain the Hawks lead. Baker was then sent off for fouling a Chard attacker after he had already received a warning to reduce Hawks to ten men, but despite this they still created the better chances and it was no surprise when Kellas scored his second goal of the game to bring his season's tally to a very impressive 40 goals.

West Dorset then had to endure a nail biting three hour wait until news filtered through that Hornets had only beaten Yeovil 4-2, securing West Dorset's promotion.

Skipper Middleton said: "It's been a wonderful season and everyone has played their part, but I would say the success was down to us being very solid and consistent in defence; conceding only 20 goals in 22 games and the prolific scoring of John Kellas up front."

Blandford & Sturminster Newton 2nd 0 Beaminster 1

HANNAH Dale secured the goal that ensured Beaminster the third spot they have held for most of the season.

Blandford have been following closely in the wake of Beaminster all season, but defeat at lowly Wimborne Wayfarers and being held to a draw by Yeovil & Sherborne 3rds in their last two matches meant their hosts could have pipped them for third although Beaminster's much superior goal difference would have meant if had to be by large score.

☐ Almost 70 Bridport Rugby Club vice-presidents sat down to a delicious annual lunch served up by one of the club's sponsors – Bridport Hog Roast – before the recent victory over Swanage & Wareham 2nds

Dorset Funeral Plan to continue cricket sponsorship

DORSET cricket will continue to be sponsored again with the announcement that Dorset Funeral Plan is to back the county's cricket league for the eighth season in a row.

The plan, run by Douch Family Funeral Directors, has become synonymous with the eight Saturday leagues played by nearly 50 clubs across Dorset, many of which have more than one side.

Each month throughout the season there will be a "team of the month" award; the winners receiving a trophy, individual medals and a bottle of bubbly.

The deal will also provide end-of-season awards that will include awards for the best groundsperson, individual achievement award team achievement award. There is also the Jack Douch Award for cricket in the community, which was presented last season for the first time.

Jack was well known in cricket circles around Dorset and was the grandfather of Nick Douch, the current managing director of Douch Family Funeral Directors.

The Dorset Funeral Plan Cricket League chairman John Ridout said they were delighted to continue with the sponsorship.

"The league covers the whole of the county and is known by everyone as the Dorset Funeral Plan League.

"This year we have two Premier leagues – 1 and 2 – with playoffs and promotion and the leagues below are now known as county leagues. The new structure is aimed at getting the better players to compete against each other more often.

"Hopefully this will improve standards and ultimately feed into the county team.

"The sponsorship deal is crucial for us to achieve our aims."

Nick Douch said: "The Dorset Funeral Plan has been the league sponsor for a number of years and our profile has certainly been raised because of it.

"It is operated by our seven branches in Dorset and we are very much committed to local cricket.

"Now all we need is a hot summer like the one we had last year."

■ DEAL: Dorset Funeral Plan managing director Nick Douch (left) and league chairman John Ridout shake on the deal

Bridport Skittles League

DUE to a postive response to the recent proposals, the committee of the Bridport Skitttles League has decided from the 2014/15 season to combine all leagues and to allow mixed teams.

Entry forms will be available shortly.

FIXTURES

Monday, April 7th
Ladies Palmer Cup Final
Woodman – Brandy Snaps v Pinbashers.

Tuesday, April 8th
Mens Individual Nomination Final
Tiger – I. Pincombe; M. Horton; L. Dare; H. Mills; S. Pitcher; R. Pincombe; C. Willcox; G. Brooks.

Wednesday, April 9th
Ladies Individual Nomination Final
Ilchester Arms – C. Huxter; J. Doble; S. Newman; G. Legg; S. Yeatman; C. Lambert; S. Luter; J. Symes.

BEAMINSTER & BRIDPORT POOL LEAGUE

	P	Pts
Burstock Grangers	23	158
Bang Tidy	22	129
Red Hot Shots	21	118
Trawlerz	23	118
The Knapp	22	114
Just the Tip*	22	111
Bendiwafflebangers	22	110
Ringers	22	109
Shameless*	22	104
Bradpole Club	22	104
Hope & Anchor*	22	90
Longshots	22	75
Pocket Rockets*	21	71

Top Players	Percentage
Nick Sully	76.08%
Paul Burkhardt	72.72%
Ben Frampton	69.56%
Tim Frampton	69.56%
Sam Lovelace	73.68%
Andy Jones	64.28%
Dan Frampton	61.36%
Tony Coe	61.36%
Danny Rawlings	68.42%
Kevin Wheeler	65.00%
James Martin	59.09%
David Studley	59.09%
Phillip Page	60.00%
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BRIDPORT RUGBY

Blues outgunned by North Dorset seconds

BRIDPORT 5 NORTH DORSET II 53

IT was a bad day at the office for the Blues at the Brewery Ground on Saturday. North Dorset opened the scoring early with a blistering run from their left wing who brushed off four ineffectual tackles to score in the corner.

A difficult conversion got the scoreboard ticking over at 0-7. Bridport were able to respond with a classy unconverted try from the base of their solid scrum by the ever-reliable Mike Pibworth.

That was pretty much it for Bridport. They were contained in their half by muscular North Dorset forward power repeatedly winning ball for their keen back line who released determined runners to cross the whitewash four more times before half-time for a 27-5 lead. Bridport just did not have an answer to the North Dorset Green Machine format of power and speed, and an uncomfortable second half beckoned.

After the turnaround the visitors continued where they had left off. Bridport became observers of the game more than participants.

Too often their meagre and hard-earned possession was lost in breakdown contact and aimless kicking. Their efficient scrummage technique was their only face-saving grace.

The visitors scored four more tries in a second half which was disrupted by a number of injury stoppages, but there were no excuses, and despite the Blues being outgunned by a better and more intense side they battled to the final whistle.

The final match of the season will be at home against Frome on April 12th when it is hoped the injury list will have shortened.

The Blues second team lost 29-5 at Blandford. This was their final game of the season and the final game ever for their 53-year-old skipper Wayne Munro. He will take up the whistle next season who will take up refereeing next season.

UNDER 13s

WEYMOUTH 15 BRIDPORT 62

BRIDPORT under 13s travelled along the coast road on the first day of summer to play a rejuvenated Weymouth side that hadn't played for the last couple of seasons.

The hosts only had thirteen, and special mention to Blues players Toby Corren and Will Gibbons, who guested for the Seasiders in the first and second half respectively to even the sides at 14 apiece.

The young Blues, who had came up against a strong Sidmouth side the week before, found themselves the stronger team this time, and the lessons learned in Devon the week before served the Bridport youngsters well in this match.

Bridport scored two quick tries from the start but went to sleep allowing Weymouth to score.This served as a wake-up call for Bridport who, with encouragement, started to contest more positively in the loose play, which paid dividends.

Tries from Toby Taylor, Guy Brazier and Alex Phillips with the extras added by Joe O'Hagan ensured that the Bridport Under 13s ran out deserved winners.

Bridport's strength in the scrum created a firm platform from which attacking plays could be made with forwards and backs inter-linking well. All round there was a determined attitude in this performance which the young Blues will carry forward when they visit Wimborne next week.

UNDER 12s

BRIDPORT 45 LYCHETT MINSTER 30

WITH Bridport plagued by injuries this was a 12-a-side match. Bridport started the strongest, pushing hard and scoring four tries within the first seven minutes through Joe Elsworth and Josh Golding.

Despite the good play, Lychett took advantage of some Bridport mistakes to score two of their own in quick succession for a halftime score of 20-10 in the Blues favour.

Some of the tackles from the Bridport squad were excellent, especially from Joe Elsworth, Eddie Gale and new player Felix Thompson.

After the break both teams were rejuvenated and attacked and defended very well, with some great runs from Bridport's Henry Wyrill, Corbin and Ollie Blackburn.

With the Blues working well as a team and moving the ball across the pitch, they scored further tries through Elsworth, Golding, Gale and Thompson.

Another great performance from a young dynamic side.

UNDER 11s

BRIDPORT 112 LYTCHETT MINISTER 14

THIS was a Bridport performance that honoured Mothers Day as the boys work hard to end the season in the right way, on a high.

It was a game that the U11s dominated with the forwards winning all aspects of their game, as Callum Fowler, Ryan Phillips, Oliver Wills and man of the match Charlie Taylor carried the ball with dynamic crashing runs through the visiting defence, scoring try after try.

This was an all round performance that included a strong defence as Lytchett Minister had good strong runners, but they weren't allowed any space before the tackles came in and Bridport forwards swallowed up the ruck ball to set up another attack.

From the forward domination the call came out from the coaches on the side line to spin the ball out to the wide, allowing a team effort to reap the rewards with four more tries coming from the backs, to end a great final match of the season.

Phillips scored seven tries and Wills bagged four, with Taylor, Reuben Jolliffe, George Amos, Lewis Ali and Taleor Hopgood all scoring one, with a special mention to our goal kicker Jolliffe who converted all 16 conversions.

■ **A BRIGHT FUTURE:** Bridport U7s picture before their final game of the season on Sunday

UNDER 10s

HAVING been given solemn assurances that all the players had organised gifts for all those mothers without whom the players could not operate, let alone arrive on time, the games commenced.

Unfortunately Lychett suffered from a shortage of players, due to the clocks going forward, and with Bridport's U9s having arrived en-masse, sides were selected, mixing both age groups, and four hard competitive fifteen minute games were played.

Do not think that under nine means gentle no contact rugby; these boys can show their elders a thing or two, especially about tackling which is now done on a regular basis, and even big players are being brought down by lighter boys.

U9 Fred Underhay together with Archie Smith, Peter Mullany and captain Tegan Furner scored tries in the initial two close games, in which Jack Tozer operated superbly at scrum-half.

Changes were made to give everyone at least two games, with Araminta May selected captain and scrumhalf, a joint duty she performed admirably with intelligence and ball winning skills. Tries by Thomas Craven, Will Smith, George Found, and speed merchant Toby Gale rounded off a day where the coaches at last saw rewards for all those training sessions.

So, the last game of the season! Next term, five man scrums and twelve-a-side. Bridport now have the players; will they have the "get up and go"?

UNDER 7s & 8s

WITH a cancelled fixture against Lychett Minster, the Under 7s and 8s combined for a three match tournament to end the season with some fun in glorious weather, whereby the 'Chiefs' took on the 'Tigers' over three 14 minute matches.

To encourage teamwork, tries scored by the U7s were worth extra points. The Chiefs took advantage of the special scoring, using their younger players to good effect in the first two matches. The Tigers roared back in the third game, with fine running and strong tactics bringing their whole team into the game.

The day ended with awards for the top try scorers on the day: Maisy Herbert and Kieran Coombs in the U7 category, and Henry Everitt and Charlie Brake taking the honours in the U8s. Well done to everyone on a fantastic effort.

A great end to a strong season for the youngest age group at Bridport RFC with 17 players regularly turning out; a positive outlook for the future of the club. Thanks to all the players and parents for their support.

POINT-TO-POINT RACING

Seavington Hunt this weekend

SEAVINGTON Hunt has ensured race goers don't miss out on watching the Grand National when they host their point-to-point meeting at Littlewindsor this Saturday (April 5th), by installing a giant screen on the course.

The first of the seven races is at 1:30pm with a break to watch the most famous horse race in the world live from Aintree.

Bookies will be on sight not only to allow betting on the course races but also the Grand National, as well as a bar, food and children's distractions.

Entry is £20 per car for up to four adults (£5 extra per adult) or £10 for a single occupant and £5 for pedestrians.

There was success for Seaborough's Richard Barber at the recent Mendip meeting when Will Biddick rode 4/6 favourite Belsinni Ron to a two length victory in the Mens Open.

LYME REGIS GOLF

Seed continues to bloom

JUNIOR vice captain George Seed continued his impressive run of form by combining with his father – club vice captain Roger Seed – and Adrian Morgan to win the Threeball Better Ball competition with 74 points.

Second on count back were David Binns, Charlie Lane, and Bob Shepherd with 72 points.

In the Ladies Fourball better ball, lady captain Lizzie Linnert combined with Di Smith to score 41 points and on count back beat Jane Southcombe and Susan Moore. Sandra Barclay and Kim Beauchamp were third with 39 points.

Matt Watson won the juniors' stableford with 35 points beating Lewis Cottam (31pts) and Stuart Wight (29 pts) into the minor placings.

The seniors played Burnham and Berrow at home and managed a 3-3 draw which may be difficult to repeat away later in the year.

The last of the club's winter quiz nights will be held on Tuesday April 8th.

Exciting new season ahead for Bridport Bowling Club

■ **FOLLOWING a lot of hard work having been done at Bridport Bowling Club's Priory Lane headquarters in recent weeks, the club is in excellent shape for the start of the season on April 16th, with the prospect from weathermen of a delightful summer. Before that however is the Spring Meeting which takes place tomorrow evening (Thursday April 1st) at 6:30pm. In addition to existing members, the club warmly welcome new members who may have played in the past or encourage new people to come and try their hand.**

Football tables

Skrill South (bottom)	P	GD	Pts
Boreham Wood	34	12	43
Farnborough	35	-16	43
Chelmsford City	34	-23	38
Hayes & Yeading	32	-3	35
Gosport Borough	31	-13	35
Whitehawk	35	-19	35
Maidenhead United	34	-16	32
Tonbridge Angels	33	-27	31
DORCHESTER TOWN	**35**	**-48**	**27**

Calor Premier (top)	P	GD	Pts
Hemel Hempstead Town	38	86	91
Chesham United	38	52	85
St Albans City	39	36	77
Stourbridge	39	50	71
Cambridge City	37	31	70
Poole Town	34	27	64
Bideford	39	17	63
Hungerford	35	32	62
WEYMOUTH	**37**	**-8**	**56**
Corby Town	37	1	54
Redditch	38	-23	51
Frome Town	39	-16	49
Biggleswade Town	35	13	48
Hitchin Town	36	11	48
Arlesey Town	39	-9	48

Toolstation Premier	P	GD	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	36	67	79
Larkhall Athletic	30	59	79
Gillingham Town	31	36	65
Street	35	15	64
Willand Rovers	32	12	55
Bitton	32	23	54
Melksham Town	33	6	52
Odd Down (Bath)	29	19	48
Brislington	29	3	46
Hallen	31	-3	43
Longwell Green Sports	31	-5	43
Cadbury Heath	34	-6	41
Buckland Athletic	29	8	38
Sherborne Town	31	-9	37
BRIDPORT	**31**	**-8**	**35**
Winterbourne Utd	35	-25	35
Slimbridge	30	-17	31
Radstock Town*	31	-42	25
Hengrove Athletic	32	-39	22
Bishop Sutton	32	-47	20
Ilfracombe Town*	30	-47	20

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
WEYMOUTH RESERVES	**27**	**30**	**52**
PORTLAND UNITED	**23**	**44**	**51**
Merley Cobham	25	30	50
Hamworthy Rec	24	47	48
Mere Town	26	25	42
BRIDPORT RESERVES	**26**	**13**	**38**
Swanage & Herston*	25	2	35
Blandford United	24	-14	34
Holt United	26	-15	33
Shaftesbury Town*	28	-20	33
Wareham Rangers	23	1	32
Tintinhull	21	-8	28
Sherborne Town Res	25	-4	27
Cranborne	23	-38	27
Parley Sports	25	-22	25
Hamworthy Utd Res*	21	-33	18
Poole Borough	25	-34	15

Senior League	Pld	GD	Pts
Westland Sports	18	38	45
Chickerell Utd	18	21	41
Sturm Marshall	16	23	37
Upwey & Broadwey	16	21	32
Corfe Mullen Utd	17	16	27
Gillingham Res	17	1	25
Witchampton Utd	15	8	23
Portland Utd Res	16	-2	22
Blandford Utd Res	17	-4	21
South Cheriton	18	-10	19
Piddlehinton Utd	22	-25	19
Sturm Newton Utd	16	-4	12
Kingston Lacy	18	-34	12
Okeford Utd	18	-49	7

Dorset Division 1	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti House	20	32	52
Weymouth Spartans	20	5	38
Dorchester Sports	18	21	36
Milborne Sports	17	27	32
Kangaroos	18	12	30
Poundbury Rovers	20	6	29
Wincanton Town Res	15	10	27
AFC Cobham	20	-18	22
Poole Borough Res*	12	8	15
Swanage & Herston Res	17	-17	14
Bridport A	18	-21	13
Bere Regis	20	-40	10
Stourpaine*	19	-25	9

Dorset Division 2	Pld	GD	Pts
Lytchett RT	15	51	42
Portesham Utd	16	23	41
Parley Sports Res	18	18	32
Redlands FC	18	10	32
Portland Town	20	15	31
Wyke Regis SC	19	0	29
Shaftesbury Town Res	14	9	24
Chickerell Utd Res	16	4	24
Corfe Castle	19	3	24
Gillingham Town A*	18	-12	15
Piddletown Utd	21	-25	15
Wareham Rangers Res	15	-17	14
Ship Inn, Wool	21	-40	14
Sturm Newton Res	16	-39	12

Dorset Division 3	Pld	GD	Pts
Broadstone	18	48	37
Stickland Utd*	17	42	33
AFC Blandford	13	23	33
Henstridge Utd	16	9	32
Mere Town Res	18	25	31
Handley Sports	17	-4	22
Stalbridge	17	-17	22
Maiden Newton & Catt.	11	6	14
Sturm Marshall Res	18	-29	14
Donhead Utd	16	-59	6
Portland Town Res	15	-44	4

Dorset Division 4	Pld	GD	Pts
Puddletown	17	37	42
Milborne Sports Res	17	21	36
Weymouth Spart Res	17	2	31
Owermoigne	16	5	27
AFC Cobham Res	15	11	26
Portland Town A	20	-12	26
Pimperne SS	19	6	25
UFC Poundbury	19	-12	21
Kangaroos Res	17	-17	16
Corfe Mullen Utd Res	18	-20	16
Cranborne Res*	18	-1	15
South Cheriton Res	17	-20	11

Dorset Division 5	Pld	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Youth	14	28	30
Broadstone Res	14	15	29
Lytchett RT Youth	13	17	25
Corfe Castle Res	15	8	25
Portland Town B	18	-36	20
Handley Sports Res	14	9	19
Wool & Winfrith	14	1	18
Marnhull*	14	8	14
Piddletrenthide Res*	14	-17	11
Okeford Utd Res*	16	-33	8

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Terras stretch unbeaten run to five

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WEYMOUTH stretched their unbeaten run to five games with a draw at home to Hitchin Town on Saturday.

This means the Terras have taken 13 points from their last 15 and sees them consolidate ninth position in the Calor League Premier Division.

Simon Martin should have given the Canaries the lead midway through the first half with a free header from a corner that looped over the bar, before Weymouth loanee Isaac Vassell went close with two efforts.

The visitors had the best opportunities in the first half, and after player/manager Jason Matthews had denied Callum Donnelly with a superb save to his left, should have gone ahead on the interval but Alasan Ann missed from inside the six yard box following a free kick.

Hitchin had a goal chalked off early in the second half when Martin was booked for allegedly helping Donnelly's goalbound shot into the net with his hand, but they deservedly took the lead on 64 minutes.

Captain Donnelly easily outmuscled Adam Kelly in winning the ball on the halfway line and ran forward before exquisitely threading the ball between Jake Green and James Richards for substitute Matt Lench to race on to and calmly lift the ball over the onrushing Matthews from 14 yards out.

However Weymouth levelled on 73 minutes when Green's up and under was headed away by central defender Dan Webb. Vassell was quickly on to it and made space for himself before firing in a 20 yard shot that deflected off Webb's shoulder, and beating Hitchin keeper Tahj Bell as it flew into the top right of the goal.

Sub Gary Wharton might have broker the Terras unbeaten run a minute form time when he was put through on goal, but his shot ran just the wrong side of the upright.

Earlier in the week the Terras had made it four unbeaten when they came from behind to beat Burnham at the Bob Lucas Stadium.

After early Terras pressure, the visitors took the lead on 10 minutes with a superb goal from Nicke Kebamba who receiving a cross from the right, trapped the ball, swivelled and in one motion fired a spectacular shot that went like a rocket up under Jason Matthews crossbar almost before the keeper could move.

Weymouth's best chance of a first half equaliser came when Burnham's skipper Ashley Smith denied Kelly with a last ditch tackle as he was about to pull the trigger.

Early second half pressure saw Stewart Yetton bounce a header off the top of the crossbar before the captain grabbed an equaliser on 55 minutes, latching on to a Kelly back heel that ricocheted off several players in the goalmouth to poke the ball past Adam Lawrence in the visiting goal.

Vassell scored the winner when he ran on to Steve Colwell's precise pass that split the central defenders and fired under the advancing Lawrence.

■ **WINNERS:** Weymouth FC Youth Under 11s who beat Branksome United Youth 6-1 in the final of the Dorset League Cup at Hamworthy recently *Photo courtesy of DORSET FA*

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